BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Spectra Communications)
Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel's Request for) Case No. IO-2006-0108
Competitive Classification Pursuant to)
Section 392.245.5, RSMo. (2005).)

RECOMMENDATION AND OBJECTION

COMES NOW, NPG Cable, Inc. d/b/a St. Joseph Cablevision, Inc. ("NPG Cable") and states for its recommendation and objection:

- 1. This case involves an application (the "Application") by Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel ("Spectra") for competitive classification of its residential and/or business services in certain exchanges under the 30-day track of Section 392.245.5 RSMo, as amended by Senate Bill 237.
- 2. The Commission's scheduling order directs all interested parties to file a recommendation or any objections no later than September 19, 2005. The order further directs that if an objection is filed, then testimony is due from all parties on September 21, 2005.
- 3. Spectra's Application asks for competitive classification for residential services, other than exchange access service, for the Ewing, LaBelle, Lewistown, Macon and Savannah exchanges. Spectra's application asks for competitive classification for business services, other than exchange access services, in the Ewing, LaBelle, Lewistown and Macon exchanges.
- 4. Spectra's Application alleges that "News-Press and Gazette Company d/b/a St. Joseph Cablevision (a/k/a Savannah Cablevision) provides local phone service to residential customers in direct competition with Spectra in Spectra's Savannah exchange." (See Application, ¶ 6(c)).

- 5. News-Press & Gazette Company, an affiliate of NPG Cable, does not provide any form of telecommunications service in Missouri. NPG Cable is a provider of voice over internet protocol ("VoIP") services in the Savannah exchange. NPG Cable is not a wireline competitor providing local voice service to residential customers.
- 6. Spectra has not met its burden of demonstrating that at least two non-affiliated entities are providing basic local telecommunications service to residential customers within the Savannah exchange.

WHEREAS, NPG Cable requests the Commission to deny Spectra's application as it relates to the Savannah exchange.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Peter Mirakian III, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Recommendation and Objection of NPG Cable, Inc. d/b/a St. Joseph Cablevision. in Case No. IO-2006-0108 was sent by electronic mail on this 19th day of September, 2005, to the following:

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