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VIA EFIS

Ms. Colleen M. Dale
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

RE: *In the Matter of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's Request for Competitive
Classification Pursuant to Section 392.245.5, RSMo. (2005).*
Case No. _____

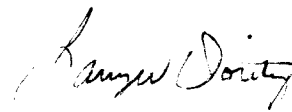
Dear Ms. Dale:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Commission: (1) CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's Application for Competitive Classification, and (2) CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's Motion for Protective Order. In accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.085(2), CenturyTel's Application initiating this case, which includes two Exhibits containing highly confidential information, is being filed in both Public ("NP") and complete ("HC") versions.

Concurrent with this filing under separate cover, CenturyTel also is filing proposed tariffs, with thirty day effective dates, reflecting the grants of the competitive classifications requested herein.

Thank you for bringing this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel, and if you have any questions regarding this filing, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Larry W. DORITY

Enc:

cc: General Counsel
Office of the Public Counsel