

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
July 27, 2000**

CASE NO: TA-2000-815

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 27th
day of July, 2000.

In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel)
Northwest Arkansas, LLC, for Designation as a)
Telecommunications Company Carrier Eligible for) Case No. TA-2000-815
Federal Universal Service Support Pursuant to)
Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of)
1996.)

ORDER DESIGNATING CENTURYTEL NORTHWEST ARKANSAS, LLC,
AS ELIGIBLE CARRIER

CenturyTel Northwest Arkansas, LLC (CenturyTel), filed an application on June 12, 2000, requesting designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier pursuant to Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Federal Communications Commission regulations 47 CFR 54.201 et seq. CenturyTel states that it provides the services supported by federal universal service support using a combination of its own facilities and leased facilities, and advertises the availability of these services. On June 20, 2000, CenturyTel filed an amendment to its application providing additional information to comply with Commission rules.

The Commission gave notice and an opportunity to intervene to all certificated Missouri local exchange and interexchange carriers. No entity moved to intervene or requested a hearing. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel.

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Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989). Since no one has asked permission to intervene or requested a hearing, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the application.

On July 21, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation. Staff stated that it had reviewed CenturyTel's application and determined that CenturyTel meets each of the provisions of Federal Communications Commission regulations 47 CFR 54.201(d). Staff recommends that the Commission grant the relief requested in the application.

The Commission has reviewed the application and the Staff recommendation, and finds that CenturyTel has met the requirements and that it is in the public interest for CenturyTel to be designated as a telecommunications carrier eligible to receive federal universal service support. The Commission will grant the relief requested in CenturyTel's application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That CenturyTel Northwest Arkansas, LLC, is eligible under the provisions of 47 CFR 54.201(d) to receive federal universal service fund support.

2. That this order shall become effective on August 8, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Drainer, Schemenauer, and Simmons,
CC., concur.
Lumpe, Ch., and Murray, C., absent.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

ALI/Sec'y:

Dippell / Pope

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absent

Lumpe, Chair

absent

Draher, Vice Chair

absent

Murray, Commissioner

absent

Schemenauer, Commissioner

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Simmons, Commissioner

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Agenda Date

Action taken:

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Must Vote Not Later Than _____

**STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 27th day of July 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

