

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

In the Matter of a Request for Expansion of	)	
the St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to	)	
Include the Exchanges of Washington, Union,	)	Case No. TO-2005-0141
Wright City, St. Clair, Marthasville, Beaufort,	)	
Foley, and Warrenton.	)	

**STATUS REPORT OF  
CENTURYTEL OF MISSOURI, LLC**

COMES NOW CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC ("CenturyTel") and in accordance with its previously filed Response To The Proposed Scheduling of Public Hearings respectfully states as follows:

1. On November 22, 2005, CenturyTel filed its Response to the Proposed Scheduling of Public Hearings in this matter, stating that it concurred with the relief requested in the responsive pleading filed that date by Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri ("SBC Missouri"), and with respect to the CenturyTel exchanges of Foley, Marthasville, Warrenton and Wright City, that the Commission refrain from setting local public hearings at that time in order to allow the parties sufficient time to possibly negotiate a settlement regarding those exchanges. CenturyTel also stated that it would advise the Commission no later than December 5, 2005 regarding the status of this case with regard to the CenturyTel exchanges.

2. CenturyTel is aware that SBC Missouri, the Office of the Public Counsel and the Staff of the Commission filed a Stipulation and Agreement in this matter on December 2<sup>nd</sup> with respect to the SBC Missouri exchanges involved herein. CenturyTel

remains diligent in its analysis as settlement discussions and negotiations continue with regard to the CenturyTel exchanges.

3. Given the extensive analysis required and the intervening holiday schedules, CenturyTel respectfully requests that the Commission not schedule local public hearings at this time relating to the CenturyTel exchanges, and the parties will advise the Commission no later than January 5, 2006 regarding the status of this case. CenturyTel has committed to provide the Office of the Public Counsel and the Staff with requested information no later than December 21, 2005. CenturyTel is authorized to state that the Office of the Public Counsel and the Staff of the Commission support the relief requested herein.

WHEREFORE, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission refrain from setting local public hearings at this time with respect to the CenturyTel exchanges, in order to allow the parties sufficient time to negotiate a possible settlement; that the Commission order CenturyTel to file a status report on January 5, 2006, as to whether it was able to resolve this case with respect to the CenturyTel exchanges; together with any additional relief the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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