

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

In Re: CSR Amendment to the Interconnection)
Agreement By and Between CenturyTel of)
Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Socket)
Telecom, LLC Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252)
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)
Case No. _____

**APPLICATION OF CENTURYLINK FOR APPROVAL OF THE
CSR AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) hereby files its Application for Approval of the CSR Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (“Agreement”) between Socket Telecom, LLC (“Socket”) and CenturyLink pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the “Federal Act”). In support of its application, CenturyLink states the following:

I. APPLICANT

CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink is a Louisiana limited liability corporation that is duly authorized to do business in the state of Missouri and authorized by the Commission to provide basic local and interexchange telecommunications services. Copies of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC’s Certificate of Authority to transact business in Missouri from the Missouri Secretary of State were filed in Case No. TM-2002-232, and are incorporated herein by reference pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G).

To CenturyLink’s knowledge, there are no overdue assessments or annual reports or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it involving customer service or rates occurring within the last three years.

II. INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

CenturyLink presents to the Commission its application pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and Socket entered into an Interconnection Agreement approved in Docket No. TO-2006-0299 (the “Agreement”). There are no outstanding issues related to the Agreement between the parties that require the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

CenturyLink and Socket recently entered into the attached CSR Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement. The Interconnection Agreement is amended by replacing and adding certain terms, conditions, and rates as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A to the Amendment with respect to Customer Service Record Searches.

III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW

The statutory standard of review under Section 252(e) of the Act states:

(e) Approval by State Commission

- (1) Approval Required. Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the state commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted to shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) under subsection (a) if it finds Grounds for Rejection. The State commission may only reject.
 - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation that:
 - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or
 - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; or...

CenturyLink further states that the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity in that it allows for full and fair competition and greater choice for the consumer. The Agreement does not discriminate against other carriers who are not a party to the Agreement because the terms of the Agreement are equally available to any other carrier.

IV. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

CenturyLink seeks the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and Socket believe that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Agreement promotes diversity in providers, provides interconnectivity, and increases customer choices for telecommunications services.

CenturyLink and Socket respectfully request that the Commission grant approval of the Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation.

V. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, CenturyLink requests that the Commission approve the CSR Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Socket Telecom, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 16th day of June, 2016, a copy of the above and foregoing Application of CenturyLink for Approval of the CSR Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement was served via email and/or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to each of the following:

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