

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

June 19, 2000

CASE NO: TA-2000-815

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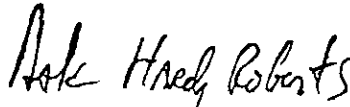
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Uncertified Copies:

To all local exchange and interexchange telecommunications carriers.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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 AND NOTICE

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 has applied jointly with GTE Midwest Incorporation (GTE) in Case No. TM-2000-471, for permission to acquire a portion of GTE's network and for certificates of service. Along with that application, CenturyTel has pending tariffs with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2000. CenturyTel states that when those tariffs are approved, it will provide the services supported by federal universal service support and it will advertise the availability of those services. CenturyTel requests that its designation be ordered to become effective at the same time as its tariffs become effective¹.

¹ Although CenturyTel indicates the closing for its transaction with GTE is expected to take place on June 30, 2000, no Motion for Expedited Treatment in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.060(17) was filed with the request.

The Commission determines that notice and an opportunity to intervene in this matter should be given. The Records Department of the Commission will be ordered to send a copy of this order to all certificated Missouri local exchange and interexchange carriers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Records Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall give notice by sending a copy of this order to all certificated Missouri local exchange and interexchange carriers.

2. That any interested party wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application to do so no later than July 10, 2000, with:

Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

Copies of the application to intervene shall be sent to:

W.R. England, III
Sondra B. Morgan
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312 East Capitol Avenue
Post Office Box 456
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and

The Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 7800
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3. That this order shall become effective June 29, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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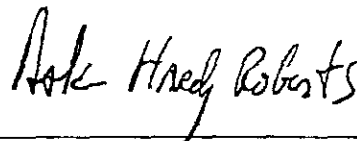
Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of
authority pursuant to 4 CSR
240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th day of June, 2000.

**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 19th day of June, 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

