

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: TM-2000-471

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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

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
GTE Arkansas Incorporated and CenturyTel of)
Northwest Arkansas LLC for Authority to)
Transfer and Acquire Part of GTE Arkansas)
Incorporated's Franchise, Facilities or) **Case No. TM-2000-471**
System Located in the State of Missouri) **Tariff No. 200000999**
and for Issuance of Certificates of Service)
Authority to CenturyTel of Northwest)
Arkansas LLC.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On June 22, 2000, the Commission issued its Order Approving Transfer of Assets and Granting Certificate of Service Authority, authorizing GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) to transfer certain assets located in Missouri to CenturyTel Northwest Arkansas LLC (CenturyTel), and granting a certificate of service authority to CenturyTel to provide service in two Missouri exchanges, Pea Ridge and Seligman. The Commission also approved proposed tariff sheets with an effective date of July 1, 2000. The Commission directed GTE to file proposed tariff sheets to remove these two exchanges from its tariff.

On June 30, 2000, counsel for CenturyTel filed a letter indicating that due to a delay in receiving the necessary Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approvals and waivers, the closing of the transaction has been delayed. As a result, CenturyTel voluntarily extended the effective date of its tariff to August 1, 2000.

Counsel for GTE filed a letter on July 5, 2000, stating that in light of the delay in receiving the necessary FCC approvals and

waivers, GTE requested that its tariffs be kept in effect for the Pea Ridge and Seligman, Missouri, exchanges through and until the effective date of the tariffs of CenturyTel.

There have been no further filings. The parties, either jointly or individually, are directed to file a memorandum in the official case file informing the Commission of the current status of these transactions.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That no later than October 31, 2000, the parties shall file a status update with the Commission regarding the transactions authorized in the Commission's June 22, 2000, Order Approving Transfer of Assets and Granting Certificate of Service Authority.

2. That this order shall become effective on October 21, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

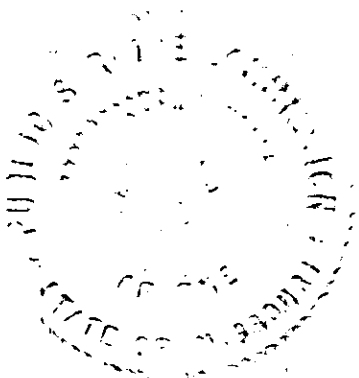
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of October, 2000.

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 11th day of Oct. 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge