## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel )
Telecommunications, Inc., to Cancel its Certificate of )
Service Authority and Tariffs in the State of Missouri. )

## ORDER CANCELING CERTIFICATE AND ACCOMPANYING TARIFF

On August 1, 2002, CenturyTel Telecommunications, Inc., filed an application requesting that the Commission cancel its certificate of service authority and tariffs. The Applicant indicates that it was granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate telecommunications services in Missouri in Case No. TA-96-63, on October 25, 1995, under the name Century Telecommunications, Inc. On December 15, 1998, in Case No. TO-99-208, the Commission issued an order recognizing the company's change of name to CenturyTel Telecommunications, Inc. CenturyTel states that it has no customers in the state of Missouri and no longer offers telecommunications services in the state.

On August 8, 2002, the Staff of the Commission filed a Recommendation and Memorandum in which it recommends that the Commission issue an order canceling CenturyTel's certificate of service authority and its accompanying tariff. CenturyTel does not have any customers in the state of Missouri and, therefore, surrender of the certificate is not detrimental to the public interest. Staff notes that the company has no annual reports or assessment fees overdue. Staff states that the Commission has the authority to cancel a telecommunications corporation's certificate pursuant to Section 392.410, RSMo 2000, which provides that "[a]ny certificate of service authority may be altered or modified by the

commission after notice and hearing, upon its own motion or upon application of the person or company affected."

After considering CenturyTel's application and Staff's Recommendation and Memorandum, the Commission concludes that the company's certificate of service authority and its accompanying tariffs should be canceled.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services granted to CenturyTel Telecommunications, Inc., is canceled.
- 2. That the tariffs filed by CenturyTel Telecommunications, Inc., to provide interexchange telecommunications services are canceled.
  - 3. That this order shall become effective on September 5, 2002.
  - 4. That this case may be closed on September 6, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Vicky Ruth, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 26th day of August, 2002.