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

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In the Matter of the Cancellation of the Certificate Of Service Authority Granted to Embarq Payphone Services, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Public Communications, Inc.

File No. PD-2021-0123

## **ORDER CANCELING PAYPHONE CERTIFICATE**

Issue Date: November 10, 2020 Effective Date: December 10, 2020

On October 30, 2020, the Commission's Staff filed a motion asking the Commission to cancel the certificate to provide payphone service granted to Sprint Payphone Services, Inc., the predecessor of Embarq Payphone Services, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Public Communications, Inc. (CenturyLink) in File No. TA-98-246, on January 5, 1998.

Staff states in its motion that CenturyLink notified Staff on October 24, 2020, that it wished to relinquish its certificate to provide private payphone service in Missouri. Staff indicates CenturyLink's request to cancel its Certificate is in compliance with Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-28.011(3), and asks the Commission to cancel that Certificate.

On October 30, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Establishing Time to *Respond* allowing parties until November 9, to object or to request a hearing. No objections or requests for a hearing were filed.

The Commission has the authority to cancel a certificate pursuant to Section 392.410.5, RSMo, which states, in part, "[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."

Based on the company's request and Staff's motion, the Commission finds that the certificate to provide private payphone service granted to CenturyLink shall be canceled.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The certificate to provide private payphone services granted to Sprint Payphone Services, Inc., the predecessor of Embarq Payphone Services, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Public Communications, Inc., in File Number TA-98-246, is canceled.

2. This order shall become effective on December 10, 2020.

3. This file may be closed on December 11, 2020.



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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.



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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

Morris Z Woodruff

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

## MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION November 10, 2020

File/Case No. PD-2021-0123

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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