

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

In the Matter of an Investigation into the)
Effects of the Bankruptcy of Telecommunications) **Case No. TW-2003-0063**
Carriers in the State of Missouri.)

APPLICATION FOR LIMITED INTERVENTION

COMES NOW Spectra Communications Group, L.L.C. d/b/a CenturyTel (“Spectra”), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075 and the Commission’s Order Directing Notice issued in this matter on October 4, 2002, and respectfully files its Application for Limited Intervention¹ (“Application”) in this proceeding. In support of its Application, Spectra states as follows:

1. Spectra is a Delaware Limited Liability Company authorized to do business in Missouri, as evidenced by the certificate of authority issued by the Missouri Secretary of State which was filed in Case No. TM-2000-182 and incorporated herein by reference. Spectra operates in Missouri using the fictitious name of "CenturyTel," pursuant to the registration of fictitious name filed in Case No. TO-2001-437 and incorporated herein by reference. Spectra's principle place of business is 1151 CenturyTel Drive, Wentzville, Missouri 63885.

2. Spectra is a provider of basic local telecommunications services in 107 rural exchanges throughout Missouri. All correspondence, communications, and orders

¹ At page 2 of the Commission's Order Directing Notice, the Commission stated: "Because the bankrupt carriers interact with other Missouri carriers and their customers, who consequently possess information important to the Commission in this proceeding, the Commission will direct notice to all Missouri-certificated telecommunications carriers in order to elicit the participation of other carriers. Participation shall be in the nature of the status formerly known as 'participation without intervention' in Commission proceedings." Accordingly, Spectra has designated the relief requested herein as "limited intervention" status, and agrees to the same rights and limitations afforded other participating carriers.

and decisions of the Commission issued in this matter should be sent to:

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3. Spectra has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of the Application. No Missouri annual reports or assessment fees are overdue.

4. As reflected in the Commission's Order Directing Notice, Missouri telecommunications carriers, such as Spectra, and their customers interact with the bankrupt carriers and, as a result, Spectra's interests are different from that of the general public. Granting Spectra's application will serve the public interest. As the Commission "opened this case to monitor the status of bankrupt telecommunications carriers, including WorldCom and its subsidiaries²," Spectra is unsure of the position it will take in this proceeding at this time.

5. Ordered Paragraph No. 3 of the Commission's Order Directing Notice provides in part: "That any party wishing to participate in this matter shall file an application no later than November 4, 2002 . . ." Spectra's application is timely filed in accordance with said order.

² Order Directing Notice, p. 2.

WHEREFORE, Spectra Communications Group, L.L.C. d/b/a CenturyTel prays that the Commission grant its application and permit its participation in this proceeding, and for such other and further relief as the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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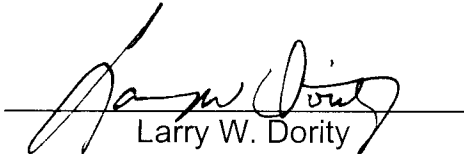
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