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Honorable Ronald D. Pridgin Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

RE: Case No. TK-2005-0079

Dear Judge Pridgin:

On December 21, 2004, the Commission issued its <u>Order Recognizing Adoption</u> of Interconnection Agreement in the above-referenced case. On December 30, 2004, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC ("CenturyTel") and Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel ("Spectra") filed their Application for Rehearing. Pursuant to the Commission's <u>Order Directing Filing</u> entered on that same date, FullTel, Inc. ("FullTel") and the Staff of the Commission have filed their respective Responses to the Application for Rehearing. CenturyTel and Spectra recently filed their Joint Reply to those pleadings.

The purpose of this correspondence is to advise the Commission that CenturyTel, Spectra and FullTel (the "parties") are currently involved in discussions addressing the underlying issues involved in the subject proceeding. To facilitate the opportunity for these discussions to continue, the parties request that the Commission delay its ruling on the pending Application for Rehearing at this time. The parties commit to report to you on the status of these discussions within fourteen (14) days. To the extent an agreement among the parties can be reached, a joint recommended disposition regarding the pending Application for Rehearing will be forthcoming. Should an agreement not be reached, the parties will request that the Commission proceed with its ruling thereon. Hon. Ronald D. Pridgin January 26, 2005 Page 2

CenturyTel, Spectra and FullTel are authorized to state that the Staff of the Commission has no objection to the relief requested herein. Thank you for bringing this request to the attention of the Commission.

Sincerely,

CENTURYTEL OF MISSOURI, LLC and SPECTRA COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, LLC D/B/A CENTURYTEL

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