

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

In the Matter of the Fictitious Name)	
Change Request of)	File No. TN- 2010-0087
Embarq Communications, Inc dba Embarq)	Tracking No:
to Embarq Communications, Inc dba CenturyLink)	JX-2010-0160
Communications)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation states:

1. On September 9, 2009, Embarq Communications, Inc. (“the Company”) notified the Commission that it wished to change the fictitious name under which it does business in Missouri from Embarq to CenturyLink Communications. The Company’s letter included documentation from the Missouri Secretary of State showing the Company’s ability to lawfully use the new CenturyLink Communications name, a discussion of the notice to customers and reference to the adoption notice and tariff title pages reflecting the new name.

2. Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060 establishes filing requirements for certificated company name changes; as noted in the Staff Recommendation, attached hereto as Attachment A, the Company has complied with the rule. No entities intervened to oppose the name change. The Company is not delinquent in any required filings with the Commission. The filed revised tariff sheets are compliant with Commission rules.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order Recognizing the Fictitious Name Change, acknowledging the fictitious name under which the Company does business as CenturyLink Communications, and either approve the revised tariff sheets under tracking number JX-2010-0160 or allow them to go into effect by operation of law.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 30th day of September, 2009.



Memorandum

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TN-2010-0086, TN-2010-0087, TN-2010-0088, TN-2010-0089, TN-2010-0090,
TN-2010-0091, TN-2010-0092, TN-2010-0093
Tariff No. JI-2010-0154, JI-2010-0155, JI-2010-0156, JI-2010-0157, JI-2010-0158, JI-2010-0159,
JX-2010-0160, YX-2010-0163, YL-2010-0164, YI-2010-0165, YI-2010-0166, YL-2010-0167,
YI-2010-0168, YI-2010-0169, YI-2010-0170, YI-2010-0171, YI-2010-0172, YI-2010-0173,
YI-2010-0213, YI-2010-0174, YI-2010-0175, YI-2010-0176, YI-2010-0177, YI-2010-0178,
YI-2010-0179, YI-2010-0180, YI-2010-0214, YX-2010-0181, YX-2010-0182

Date: 9/28/09

From: William Voight 9/28/09
Utility Operations Division/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Name Change

Existing Name of Company: Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Embarq, Embarq Communications, Inc. d/b/a Embarq, CenturyTel Long Distance, LLC, CenturyTel Solutions, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel Solutions, CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel, CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC d/b/a LightCore, a CenturyTel Company

Proposed Name of Company: Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, Embarq Communications, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Communications, CenturyLink Long Distance, CenturyTel Solutions, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink Solutions, CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC d/b/a LightCore, a CenturyLink Company

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Commission approve the change of name and tariff sheet(s) for (indicate PSC MO numbers) effective (indicate effective date).

Review Items

Administrative:

- No applications to intervene filed.
- Evidence of registration of the name change with the Missouri Secretary of State has been submitted.

- Customers have been notified. (4 CSR 240-3.545(20))
- Customers will be notified at or before the next billing cycle of any name change. (4 CSR 240-3.545(20))

Tariff:

- Adoption Notice
- Revised Title Page (see tariff review section below)
- New Tariff (see tariff review section below)

Appendix A

Tariff review items (as applicable):

- Properly formatted: (Company name, PSC MO No., Page #, Page revision #, proposed effective date)
- Identifies competitive classification.
- Identifies waivers granted.
- Customer specific pricing, if proposed, limited for private line, special access or Centrex-like services or to business customers in exchanges where the incumbent local exchange company has had its business services declared competitive pursuant to Section 392.245. (392.200(8)).
- Proposed rates do not establish geographic deaveraged rates (if not checked, explain in attachment). (392.200(4)).
- If an alternative operator service provider (receives more than 40% of revenues from traffic aggregators) operator service rates do not exceed: Person-to-Person (\$10.00), Station-to-Station/card (\$5.50). (392.515(1))

Tariff review items (as applicable, only for CLECs):

- Tariff clearly indicates areas offering local service area
(___ AT&T Missouri, ___ CenturyTel, ___ Sprint, ___ Spectra, ___ Other)
- Tariff offers local service as a separate and distinct service.
- Switched access service rates capped at ILEC's rates.

Are there additional recommendations or special considerations?

No

Yes

If yes, explain in an attachment.

[Annual report](#) [Assessment Information](#) [USF](#) [Relay](#)

- The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report, paying the PSC assessment , MoUSF, and Relay Missouri..
 - The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition the applicant corrects the delinquency. The applicant should be instructed to make the appropriate filing in this case after it has corrected the delinquency.
- (No annual report Unpaid PSC assessment Unpaid MoUSF
 Unpaid Relay Missouri. Amount owed:)

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LLC, CenturyTel Solutions, LLC d/b/a) 0090, TN-2010-0091,
CenturyTel Solutions, CenturyTel of) TN-2010-0092, TN-2010-0093
Northwest Arkansas, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel,)
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, Spectra)
Communications Group, LLC d/b/a)
CenturyTel, CenturyTel Fiber Company II,)
LLC d/b/a LightCore, a CenturyTel Company)
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AFFIDAVIT OF William Voight

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF COLE)

William Voight, employee of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that he has participated in preparing the accompanying staff recommendation, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



WILLIAM VOIGHT

Subscribed and affirmed before me this

28th

day of

September 2009



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Commissioned for Cole County
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