

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

FullTel, Inc.,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. TC-2006-0068</u>
)	
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: August 12, 2005

Effective Date: August 12, 2005

On August 8, 2005, FullTel, Inc., filed a complaint against CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, alleging that CenturyTel is in breach of the interconnection agreement between the two companies. FullTel states that because CenturyTel has not allowed FullTel to interconnect, FullTel has been unable to offer services. With its complaint, FullTel filed a motion for expedited treatment. Among other things, FullTel moved that CenturyTel be directed to file its answer within 15 days, rather than the usual 30 days.

On August 9, 2005, the Commission issued its Notice of Complaint directing that CenturyTel file its answer by August 24, 2005. On August 10, the Commission issued an Order granting FullTel's motion for expedited treatment. The Commission issued the order with a 10-day effective date, which allowed CenturyTel to file a motion for reconsideration. CenturyTel then filed its motion for reconsideration on August 11.

Although CenturyTel argues that FullTel's motion does not satisfy the Commission's standard for expedited treatment, CenturyTel emphasizes that it should be afforded a full 30 days to respond to the complaint.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) states that unless otherwise ordered by the Commission a party must file responsive pleadings within ten days. In light of CenturyTel's concern that it should have the full 30 days to respond to the complaint, the Commission will require FullTel to file a pleading setting forth the specific harm, other than the general economic harm of not being able to provide service due to a delay in interconnection, that will occur if CenturyTel is allowed 30 days to file its response.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That FullTel, Inc., shall file a pleading, as described in the body of this order, not later than August 16, 2005.
2. That this order shall become effective on August 12, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of August, 2005.