## BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Socket Telecom, LLC,	)	
Complainant,	)	
v.	)	Case No. TC-2007-0341
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a	)	
CenturyTel and Spectra Communications	)	
Group, LLC dba CenturyTel	)	
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Respondents.	)	

## SOCKET TELECOM'S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW Socket Telecom, LLC, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080 and Commission order, and for its Status Report states to the Commission:

- 1. On September 11, 2007 the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing, instructing the parties to inform the Commission regarding the status of settlement negotiations.
- 2. On September 20, 2007, Socket advised the Commission that the parties continued to pursue settlement and indicated that it would subsequently provide a definitive response to the Commission's question as to whether a decision should be rendered herein.
- 3. The settlement discussions have encompassed the issues raised in this case and many other issues that are pending between the parties. In part, the settlement negotiations have been quite productive, with the parties reaching conceptual agreement on many issues. However, such agreements have been contingent upon reaching agreement on the remaining issues as well. While it appears that all parties remain equally willing to discuss matters further, it also seems that negotiations have stalled on the remaining couple of issues.

4. Socket does not believe that it is in its best interests to continue to put off a decision in

this proceeding. The porting situation between it and CenturyTel has gotten worse rather than

better. Socket and its customers need relief.

5. If the Commission would find it beneficial, Socket is certainly willing to present oral

argument in this case in order to assist the Commission in making an expeditious decision.

6. The other issues will remain and Socket certainly remains willing to negotiate on all

issues, but in the current absence of a settlement it needs relief herein. Likewise, Socket will

soon have to bring other open issues to the Commission in other proceedings for decision if a

settlement cannot be achieved.

WHEREFORE, Socket Telecom requests that the Commission proceed to render its

decision in this case expeditiously, including by setting oral argument if such presentations

would assist the Commission make its decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **VERIFICATION**

I, R. MATTHEW KOHLY, first being duly sworn, state on my oath that I am over the age of twenty-one years, sound of mind, and an employee with Socket Telecom, LLC. I am authorized to act on behalf of Socket Telecom, LLC, regarding the foregoing document. I have read the foregoing pleading and I am informed and believe that the matters contained therein are true.

R. Matthew Kohly

On this day of October, 2007, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared R. Matthew Kohly, and being first duly sworn upon his oath stated that he is over twenty-one years, sound of mind and an employee with Socket Telecom, LLC, he signed the foregoing document as an employee of Socket Telecom, LLC, and the facts contained therein are true and correct according to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the County and State aforesaid, the day and year above-written.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 4/28/08

SHEILA M. LYNCH
Notary Public-Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Boone County
My Commission Expires Apr 28, 2008

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this document was emailed to the parties listed below on this 2d day of October, 2007.

/s/ Carl J. Lumley	
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