

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Socket Telecom, L.L.C., and)	
CenturyTel of Missouri, L.L.C., for)	
Approval of an Amendment to Their)	<u>Case No. TK-2006-0175</u>
Interconnection Agreement Pursuant to)	
§ 252(e) of the Telecommunications)	
Act of 1996.)	

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Socket Telecom, L.L.C., and)	
Spectra Communications Group, L.L.C.,)	<u>Case No. TK-2006-0176</u>
for Approval of an Interim Arrangement)	
Pursuant to § 252(e) of the Telecom-)	
munications Act of 1996.)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT,
CONSOLIDATING CASES AND
DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: November 1, 2005

Effective Date: November 1, 2005

On October 18, 2005, Socket Telecom, L.L.C., and CenturyTel of Missouri, L.L.C., jointly filed their Application for Approval of an Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. On the same day, Socket and Spectra Communications Group, L.L.C., jointly filed their Application for Approval of an Interim Arrangement.¹ Together with their applications, the parties in each case moved for Commission action within 30 days and also moved to consolidate the two cases.

¹ Both CTM and Spectra do business as CenturyTel.

The Commission on October 19 directed its Staff and the Public Counsel to respond to the two motions by October 25. Staff responded on the same day, indicating that it has no objection. Public Counsel has not responded and may be presumed to have no objection. Therefore, the Commission will grant the motions.

These two cases will be consolidated for all purposes.

As requested by the Applicants, the Commission will set a timeline for action on these consolidated cases of 30 days. The deadline for Commission action will thus be the 30th day after the filing of the Applications, that is, November 17. In order to meet that deadline, the Commission will direct its Staff to file its Memorandum and Recommendation on November 8.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motions for Expedited Treatment filed by the Applicants on October 18, 2005, are granted.

2. That the Motions to Consolidate filed by the Applicants on October 18, 2005, are granted. Case No. TK-2006-0176 shall be consolidated into Case No. TK-2006-0175 for all purposes; the style of the consolidated case shall be "In the Matter of the Application of Socket Telecom, L.L.C., and CenturyTel of Missouri, L.L.C., for Approval of an Amendment to Their Interconnection Agreement, and of Socket Telecom, L.L.C., and Spectra Communications Group, L.L.C., for Approval of an Interim Arrangement, Pursuant to § 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996."

3. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its Memorandum and Recommendation not later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2005.

2. That this Order shall become effective on November 1, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation
of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of November, 2005.