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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: CenturyTel Northwest Arkansas, Case No. TM-2000-471.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On June 22, 2000, the Commission issued its Order Approving Transfer of Assets and Granting Certificate of Service Authority in which it authorized GTE Midwest Incorporated to transfer certain assets located in Missouri to CenturyTel Northwest Arkansas and granted a certificate of service authority to CenturyTel to provide service in two Missouri exchanges, Pea Ridge and Seligman. In this Order, the Commission also approved proposed tariff sheets with an effective date of July 1. GTE was directed to file proposed tariff sheets to remove those two exchanges from its tariff.

The closing of the sale of the Arkansas properties of which these two exchanges were a part, was to have occurred on June 30. Because of a delay in receiving the necessary Federal Communications Commission approvals and waivers, the closing of this transaction has been delayed. It is now scheduled for July 31, 2000. Because of this delay, CenturyTel Northwest Arkansas voluntarily extends the effective date of its tariff to August 1, 2000.

Would you please bring this correspondence to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call.

Sincerely yours,

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