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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
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Re: In the Matter of the Joint Application of GTE Arkansas Incorporated and CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas LLC, Case No. TM-2000-471.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On May 1, 2000, CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC ("CenturyTel") filed a tariff with the Commission in the above-referenced case with an issue date of May 1 and an effective date of June 1, 2000, since the anticipated closing of the transaction was May 31, 2000. The date for the closing of the Arkansas transaction has now been moved to June 30, 2000. Accordingly, CenturyTel Northwest Arkansas now voluntarily extends the effective date of the tariff to July 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,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

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