

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Request for the Modification of the)
Springfield Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to Make the) **Case No. TO-2005-0143**
Ozark Exchange a Mandatory MCA Tier 1 Exchange)

ORDER GRANTING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: 25, 2006

Effective Date: January 25, 2006

On January 23, 2006, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, requested that the Commission issue its "standard" protective order to protect proprietary and highly confidential information that has been requested by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission through data requests.

Upon review of the company's motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and the request for a protective order is reasonable. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential information, and the issuance of protective orders has helped to minimize disputes in past cases. Therefore, the Commission concludes that a protective order should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the motion for protective order made by CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) adopted.

2. That this order shall become effective on January 25, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 25th day of January, 2006.