BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Request for Expansion of the St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to Include the Exchanges of Washington, Union, Wright City, St. Clair,) (consolidated with TO-2003-0298) Marthasville, Beaufort, Foley and Warrenton

) Case No. TO-2005-0141

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Issue Date: March 2, 2006

Effective Date: March 2, 2006

On March 1, 2006, the Office of the Public Counsel and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, filed a joint motion to extend the time for the filing of their agreement or the filing of a proposed procedural schedule until March 15 and March 22, respectively. The Commission will grant this extension, but cautions the parties that no further extension will be granted.

If the parties cannot reach an agreement within the allotted time, they must submit their proposed procedural schedule. Having a procedural schedule in place will not interfere with the parties' abilities to continue to negotiate a settlement of the issues, it will just ensure that the case will move forward in a timely manner in the event no settlement is reached.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Joint Motion for Extension of Time for Filing is granted.

2. The Office of the Public Counsel and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, shall file their settlement agreement no later than March 15, 2006.

3. If no settlement agreement is filed, the Office of the Public Counsel and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, must file a proposed procedural schedule including a date for an evidentiary hearing no later than March 22, 2006.

4. This order shall become effective on March 2, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



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 2nd day of March, 2006.