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12 In the Matter of CenturyTel of)
Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel and)
13 Spectra Communications Group, LLC)
d/b/a CenturyTel Tariff Filings to) Case No. TC-2007-0307
14 Grandfather Remote Call Forward)
Services to Existing Customers and)
15 Existing Locations)
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18 RONALD D. PRIDGIN, Presiding,
19 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good afternoon. We're on
3 the record. This is the prehearing conference in Case
4 No. TC-2007-0307, in the matter of CenturyTel of Missouri,
5 LLC, d/b/a CenturyTel and Spectra Communications Group,
6 LLC, d/b/a CenturyTel tariff filings to grandfather remote
7 call forward services to existing customers and existing
8 locations.

9 I'm Ron Pridgin. I am the Regulatory Law
10 Judge assigned to preside over this prehearing conference
11 that's being held at 2:05 in the afternoon on March 6th,
12 2007. We're in the Governor Office Building in Jefferson
13 City, Missouri.

14 I would like to get entries of appearance
15 from counsel, and I believe that I have some pending
16 motions to intervene, so I would like entries from counsel
17 assuming that those applications will be granted.
18 Obviously if I get any objections, we'll deal with those
19 later, but I do want to hear from all counsel who have
20 pending applications to intervene.

21 If I could get entries from counsel
22 beginning with General Counsel's Office, please.

23 MR. MEYER: Good afternoon. David Meyer on
24 behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service
25 Commission. Our address is P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City,

1 Missouri 65102.

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Meyer, thank you. On
3 behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel, please?

4 MR. DANDINO: Thank you, your Honor.
5 Michael Dandino, Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office
6 Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, representing the
7 Office of the Public Counsel and the public.

8 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Dandino, thank you. On
9 behalf of CenturyTel and Spectra, please?

10 MR. DORITY: Thank you, Judge. Appearing
11 on behalf of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC and Spectra
12 Communications Group, LLC, doing business as CenturyTel,
13 Larry W. DORITY, Fischer & DORITY, PC. Our address is
14 101 Madison, Suite 400, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. DORITY, thank you. On
16 behalf of Socket Telecom, please?

17 MR. LUMLEY: Thank you, Judge. Carl Lumley
18 of the Curtis Heinz law firm appearing on behalf of
19 Socket Telecom, LLC and Socket Holdings Corporation, doing
20 business as Socket Internet. Our address is 130 South
21 Bemiston, Suite 200, Clayton, Missouri 63105.

22 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Lumley, thank you. On
23 behalf of Chariton Valley and Mark Twain, please?

24 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Judge. Craig
25 Johnson, Law Office of Craig Johnson, 1648A East Elm,

1 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101, appearing today on behalf
2 of the applicants to intervene, Chariton Valley Telecom
3 Corporation and Mark Twain Communications Company.

4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Johnson, thank you.

5 Any other counsel wish to enter an appearance?

6 (No response.)

7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Seeing none. Other than
8 those pending applications to intervene, are there other
9 pending motions or anything else that counsel need to
10 bring to my attention?

11 MR. DORITY: Judge, this is Larry DORITY.
12 In your order suspending the tariffs and setting this
13 matter for the prehearing, I believe you, of course,
14 indicated that the prehearing is scheduled to give the
15 parties the opportunity to discuss, define and possibly
16 resolve the issues presented, and we would certainly
17 welcome the opportunity to have further discussion with
18 the parties here today in that realm.

19 You also, I believe, set a requirement of
20 filing a proposed procedural schedule by March 7th, which
21 of course now is tomorrow. On behalf of the CenturyTel
22 entities, we would respectfully request that the parties
23 be given an opportunity to hold these discussions and
24 perhaps get back with your Honor regarding a timeline for
25 filing a proposed procedural schedule should that be

1 necessary as opposed to having one set right now at this
2 stage.

3 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Any objections from
4 counsel?

5 MR. DANDINO: No.

6 MR. MEYER: No.

7 MR. LUMLEY: We don't have an objection
8 from the extension from tomorrow. I think it might be
9 more efficient if we set a due date, you know, 10 days or
10 15 days, something like that. But certainly have no
11 objection to extending that so we have time to talk about
12 matters.

13 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Dority, some sort of 10
14 to 15-day window?

15 MR. DORITY: Could we just pick a date of,
16 can we say March 23rd, just because I personally am going
17 to be out of the office over the next couple of weeks, and
18 23rd would work for me. Would that be all right with you,
19 Carl, just as a fallback date?

20 MR. LUMLEY: Are you in on the 22nd?

21 MR. DORITY: Yes.

22 MR. LUMLEY: Because I'm going to be gone
23 on the 23rd.

24 MR. DORITY: 22nd would be fine with us.

25 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Any objection to

1 March 22nd?

2 (No response.)

3 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Hearing none,
4 that's the new date. Do the parties require a written
5 order?

6 MR. DORITY: No.

7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Very good. I'll just put
8 that on my calendar for March 22nd.

9 Anything else I can do for counsel before
10 we adjourn? All right. Mr. Johnson?

11 MR. JOHNSON: Are you going to take up the
12 intervention requests today or do you want to take that
13 with the case?

14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I don't think that I've got
15 any objections, and I believe the ten days have run. I've
16 not heard anybody raise an objection. Unless my math's
17 wrong, I think the ten days have run. I just plan on
18 granting those, and I'll issue a written order,
19 Mr. Johnson.

20 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, your Honor.

21 JUDGE PRIDGIN: You're certainly welcome.
22 Anything else?

23 MR. LUMLEY: No, Judge.

24 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Hearing nothing further, we
25 will adjourn. We'll go off the record in Case No.

1 TC-2007-0307, and I will chat with counsel briefly about
2 the availability of this room for the rest of the day once
3 we go off the record. If there's nothing further? Thanks
4 very much. We're off the record.

5 WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the
6 prehearing conference was concluded.

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2 STATE OF MISSOURI)
3 COUNTY OF COLE) ss.

4 I, Kellene K. Feddersen, Certified
5 Shorthand Reporter with the firm of Midwest Litigation
6 Services, and Notary Public within and for the State of
7 Missouri, do hereby certify that I was personally present
8 at the proceedings had in the above-entitled cause at the
9 time and place set forth in the caption sheet thereof;
10 that I then and there took down in Stenotype the
11 proceedings had; and that the foregoing is a full, true
12 and correct transcript of such Stenotype notes so made at
13 such time and place.

14 Given at my office in the City of
15 Jefferson, County of Cole, State of Missouri.

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17 Kellene K. Feddersen, RPR, CSR, CCR
18 Notary Public (County of Cole)
My commission expires March 28, 2009.

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