

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Request from the)	
Customers in the Rockaway Beach Exchange)	<u>Case No. TO-2003-0257</u>
For an Expanded Calling Scope to Make)	
Toll Free Calls to Branson.)	

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL’S STATUS REPORT

The Office of the Public Counsel states to the Commission that CenturyTel is offering a promotional calling plan in Rockaway Beach and surrounding CenturyTel exchanges that includes local basic service, a list of 18 vertical features plus voicemail, and unlimited long distance calling in Missouri and through the United States (except Alaska and Hawaii) for \$39.95 month. This plan is only available to residential customers. It is a one-way calling plan so calls to these subscribers that are now toll will remain toll unless the caller also subscribes to this plan or a substitute plan.

On January 19, 2005, CenturyTel had a “kickoff” event for this promotion at the Rockaway Beach Community Center. Barb Meisenheimer of the Office of the Public Counsel attended. Residential customers responded favorably to the plan during the “kickoff” as did the Mayor of Rockaway Beach. The Rockaway Beach City Administrator believes the Plan will address many of the residential customer’s calling needs provided the Plan is available on a long-term basis at a reasonable price. Public Counsel has received no additional complaints from the affected area since the Plan’s introduction.

To date, the issue of a calling plan for business is still an open question and a suggested business calling plan is not likely within the foreseeable future.

The Office of the Public Counsel suggests that it evaluate the subscribership and response to this plan through May 15, 2005. If on May 15, 2005, (1) the Plan is meeting the needs of residential customers in Rockaway Beach and surrounding areas; (2) has a spillover benefit of reducing the need for a separate business calling plan; and (3) appears to be an ongoing offering available at a reasonable price; then Public Counsel will withdraw its pending request for a mandatory EAS-like service.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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