

In The Matter of a Request for the modification of )  
The Springfield Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to ) Case No. TO-2005-0143  
Make the Ozark exchange a mandatory MCA Tier 1 )  
Exchange. )

The PSC directed that OPC file the final recommendation for the modification of the Springfield MCA to reclassify Ozark exchange to a mandatory Tier 1. Public Counsel has discussed this matter with CenturyTel and has requested (and has been granted) additional time to explore this MCA reclassification and possible alternative. However, this case has lingered long enough and the best way to proceed to a final resolution of this case is for Public Counsel to file the final recommendation. The parties can still discuss alternatives as the case moves forward.

Although the original petitions and letters requesting expanded calling did not Reference specific terms and conditions for the proposed MCA expansion, Public Counsel makes the following recommendation for the proposed change to the MCA plan:

Make the Ozark exchange a Tier 1 mandatory exchange.

The price for MCA in the Ozark exchange should be priced the same as other Tier 1 exchanges. (\$12.50 residential & \$36.95 business and includes local service).

- c) **Whether the proposed plan is optional to individual customers or mandatory for all customers**

Subscription is mandatory as it is in all Tier 1 exchanges.

- d) **Toll or local classification of calling plan traffic and associated inter-company compensation, if any, to be utilized to facilitate the plan**

Tier 1 is bill and keep compensation and the same compensation method should apply here.

Public Counsel asks that the Commission request the carriers to submit statements of revenue and expense impacts as well as revenue neutrality requirements related to the proposal to the PSC within ninety days after the PSC's request.

Public Counsel asks the Commission to schedule public hearings and hold an evidentiary hearing on the proposed MCA modification.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel asks the Commission to implement this proposed modification of the Springfield MCA.

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was electronically transmitted, mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record on this 17th day of January, 2006

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