

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 27th day of September, 2005.

In the Matter of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a)	
CenturyTel and Spectra Communications Group, LLC)	<u>Case No. TT-2006-0113</u>
d/b/a CenturyTel Tariff Filings Relating to 911)	Tariff No. JI-2006-0152
Private Switch Clarification)	Tariff No. JI-2006-0153

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFFS AND SCHEDULING A CONFERENCE

Issue Date: September 27, 2005

Effective Date: September 30, 2005

On August 31, 2005, Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC,¹ filed tariff revisions that would modify the definition of terms for private switch service to include any third party, including public switch providers, utilizing the service. The tariffs carry an effective date of September 30.

On September 13, Socket Telecom, LLC, filed a motion asking the Commission to suspend or reject CenturyTel's proposed tariffs. Socket contends CenturyTel would use those tariff revisions to unilaterally impose its retail 911 services on its CLEC competitors and wholesale customers. Socket argues that such services are subject to regulation through the existing interconnection agreements between the companies, and may not be unilaterally imposed through CenturyTel's tariffs.

CenturyTel filed a response to Socket's motion to suspend on September 21. CenturyTel indicated that the Spectra and CenturyTel of Missouri tariffs would not be used

¹ Spectra and CenturyTel of Missouri are distinct, but affiliated companies. For convenience they will be referred to collectively as CenturyTel.

to impose a service on Socket or any other CLEC. CenturyTel contends that the revised tariff language is simply intended to clarify the provisioning of service to such CLECs that choose to order 911 service from the existing tariffs, or whose contract references the application of such services. CenturyTel argues that there is no need to suspend the tariffs and asks that they be allowed to go into effect by operation of law.

On September 20, the Commission's Staff submitted a response to Socket's motion to suspend CenturyTel's tariffs. Staff did not analyze the merits of Socket's motion but recommended that CenturyTel's tariffs be suspended to allow further review. Staff also suggested that the Commission schedule a prehearing conference to bring the companies together to discuss the intent and impact of the proposed tariff revisions.

The Commission agrees with Staff that the intent and impact of the proposed tariffs are not yet clear. However, if the Commission does not take any action, the tariffs will go into effect by operation of law on September 30. In order to allow more time to investigate and consider these tariffs, they will be suspended for 120 days, as permitted by Section 392.230.3, RSMo 2000.

The Commission will also schedule a conference at which the parties will be given an opportunity to discuss the intent and impact of these tariffs. Furthermore, the parties will be given an opportunity to discuss the procedure that the Commission should follow in reviewing these tariffs.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheet issued on August 31, 2005, by CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, and assigned Tariff No. JI-2006-0152, is suspended for a period of 120 days beyond

September 30, 2005, to January 28, 2006, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission.

The tariff sheet suspended is:

PSC Mo. - No 1

General and Local Exchange Tariff
Section 11

2nd Revised Sheet 32.1, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 32.1

2. That the tariff sheet issued on August 31, 2005, by Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel and assigned Tariff No. JI-2006-0153, is suspended for a period of 120 days beyond September 30, 2005, to January 28, 2006, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission. The tariff sheet suspended is:

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3. That a conference will take place on October 11, 2005, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The conference will be held in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This conference will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this conference, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.

4. That this order shall become effective on September 30, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw, Clayton and Appling, CC., concur

Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge