

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 been granted) additional time to explore the costs and the continuing community interest in the MCA reclassification.

Public Counsel again requests an extension of time of 30 days to file the recommendation. Due to the press of other cases before the Commission and in the Cole County Circuit Court and Court of Appeals, Western District, undersigned counsel has not been able to continue discussions on this case with CenturyTel or to arrange to contact the local leaders in the Ozark. CenturyTel concurs with this request.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel requests an extension of time of 30 days to file the recommendation

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was electronically transmitted, mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record on this 15th day of September 2005.

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