## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of a Request for Expansion ) of the St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area ) Plan to Include the Exchanges of ) Washington, Union, Wright City, St. ) Clair, Marthasville, Beaufort, Foley and ) Warrenton. )

Case No. TO-2005-0141 Tariff File No. YI-2006-0946

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TARIFF SHEETS**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and states:

1. On April 18, 2006, the Staff, the Office of Public Counsel (OPC), and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (collectively "Signatories") jointly filed a Stipulation and Agreement to resolve the portion of this case involving CenturyTel of Missouri LLC's exchanges. The Commission subsequently approved the Stipulation and Agreement on May 18, 2006, adding the CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC exchanges of Foley, Holstein, Marthasville, Warrenton and Wright City to the St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) as a new Tier 6.

2. CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC then filed tariff sheets to implement the provisions of the Stipulation and Agreement with an effective date of March 1, 2007. Staff has reviewed those tariff sheets, and in the Memorandum attached as Appendix A, Staff sets forth its review of the tariff sheets and recommends that the Commission approve them.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheets filed by CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC to implement the provisions of the Stipulation and Agreement, with an effective date of March 1, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David Meyer

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# **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2007.

<u>/s/ David Meyer</u>

#### MEMORANDUM

To:	Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File				
	Case No.:	TO-2005-0141	File No.:	YI-2006-0946	
	Applicant: CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC		, LLC		
From:	Mike Scheperle Telecommunications Department				
	William L. Voight 1/16/07 Utility Operations Division/Date			/s/ David Meyer 1/16/07 General Counsel's Office/Date	
Subject:	Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Filing				
Date:	January 16,	2007	Filing Deadline:	February 1, 2007	

This tariff filing is being made in accordance with the Commission's Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement and Order Directing Filing issued on May 18, 2006 in Case No. TO-2005-0141 concerning adding the CenturyTel exchanges of Foley, Holstein, Marthasville, Warrenton and Wright City as a new Tier 6 of the St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA). In Commission Order Directing Filing of Staff Recommendation dated June 27, 2006, Commission Staff was ordered to file its recommendation no later than February 1, 2007.

On April 18, 2006, the Office of Public Counsel, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (CenturyTel), and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Stipulation and Agreement to add the CenturyTel exchanges of Foley, Holstein, Marthasville, Warrenton, and Wright City as a new Tier 6 of the St. Louis MCA. An Order approving the Stipulation and Agreement was issued on May 18, 2006. This Tariff Filing (YI-2006-0946), effective March 1, 2007, implements the approved Stipulation and Agreement for CenturyTel, an incumbent local exchange company.

The Order approves the following terms, conditions and rates of the Stipulation and Agreement:

- The St. Louis MCA is being revised to add the CenturyTel exchanges of Foley, Holstein, Marthasville, Warrenton and Wright City as a new Tier 6. The MCA service for the five CenturyTel exchanges would be optional. This means that MCA subscribers in the Foley, Holstein, Marthasville, Warrenton and Wright City exchanges will be permitted to call the following customers without incurring a toll charge; (1) all customers in the St. Louis mandatory exchanges (Principal, Tier 1 and Tier 2), (2) all customers in the MCA Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 exchanges regardless of whether the called party is an MCA subscriber, and (3) all customers that are recognized as MCA subscribers in the new St. Louis Tier 6 exchanges.
- Customers subscribing to the MCA service in Foley, Holstein, Marthasville, Warrenton and Wright City will need to change their telephone number to an MCA-designated telephone number.
- CenturyTel will provide the optional MCA rate of \$35.50 per month to residential customers. The MCA rate is in addition to the basic local service rate and any Extended Area Service (EAS) charges not included in the MCA calling scope.

- CenturyTel will provide the optional MCA rate of \$95.00 per month to business customers. The MCA rate is in addition to the basic local service rate and any EAS charges not included in the MCA calling scope.
- All telecommunications companies providing MCA service will exchange traffic on a bill-and-keep basis.

CenturyTel proposed tariff filing outlines the terms, conditions and rates as outlined in the Stipulation and Agreement approved by the Commission in Case No. TO-2005-0141.

Additionally, this case was bifurcated for the AT&T Missouri exchanges (Washington, Union, St. Clair and Beaufort) and the CenturyTel exchanges (Foley, Holstein, Marthasville, Warrenton and Wright City). The AT&T exchanges were addressed in a Memorandum filed in Case No. TO-2005-0141 under tariff filing YI-2006-0695 effective October 30, 2006.

The Staff is unaware of any other filing which affects or which would be affected by this tariff filing except as noted in Case No. TO-2005-0141 (tariff filing YI-2006-0695) for the AT&T Missouri exchanges. Staff has no objections to this tariff filing and recommends the Commission approve the following tariff sheets effective March 1, 2007:

CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC PSC MO. NO. 1, Section 4 1st Revised Sheet 25 Replacing Original Sheet 25 1st Revised Sheet 27 Replacing Original Sheet 27 1st Revised Sheet 29 Replacing Original Sheet 29 2nd Revised Sheet 30 Replacing 1st Revised Sheet 30 1st Revised Sheet 31 Replacing Original Sheet 31

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The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report or paying the PSC assessment.

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF Michael S. Scheperle

STATE OF MISSOURI SS: COUNTY OF COLE

Michael S. Scheperle, employee of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that he has participated in the preparation of the accompanying document, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Michael 5. Scheperle

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2007

I am commissioned as a notary public within the County of Callaway, State of Missouri

and my commission expires on 9-21-10



SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER My Commission Expires September 21, 2010 Callaway County Commission #05942086

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