OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Request for the Modification of the Springfield Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to Make the Ozark Exchange a Mandatory MCA Tier 1 Exchange.

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: December 1, 2005 Effective Date: December 1, 2005

During the conference held in this matter on April 19, 2005, the regulatory law judge directed the applicant, the Office of the Public Counsel, to file its final proposal or a status report on April 27, 2005. That date has been extended several times at Public Counsel's request, with September 15, 2005, being the most recent deadline. On that date, however, Public Counsel filed a request for an additional 30-day extension of time. Public Counsel indicated that CenturyTel concurs in the request. By order issued September 23, 2005, the Commission extended the deadline for the filing of Public Counsel's final recommendation to October 17, 2005. Although that date has passed, Public Counsel has not yet filed its final recommendation. The Commission will direct Public Counsel to file a status report regarding this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Office of the Public Counsel shall file either its final recommendation in this matter or a status report no later than December 7, 2005.
- 2. That any party may file a response to the Office of the Public Counsel's final recommendation or status report no later than December 14, 2005.

3. That this order shall become effective on December 1, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Vicky Ruth, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 1st day of December, 2005.