

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

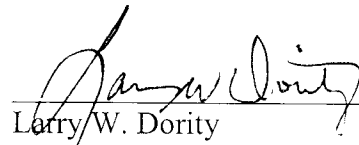
In the Matter of a Request for Expansion of)	
the St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to)	
Include the Exchanges of Washington, Union,)	Case No. TO-2005-0141
Wright City, St. Clair, Marthasville, Beaufort,)	
Foley, and Warrenton.)	

**CENTURYTEL OF MISSOURI, LLC'S RESPONSE
TO THE PROPOSED SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

COMES NOW CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC ("CenturyTel") and for its Response To The Proposed Scheduling of Public Hearings respectfully states that it concurs with the relief requested in the responsive pleading filed this date by Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri, and with respect to the CenturyTel exchanges of Foley, Marthasville, Warrenton and Wright City, that the Commission refrain from setting local public hearings at this time in order to allow the parties sufficient time to possibly negotiate a settlement regarding those exchanges. Similarly, CenturyTel will advise the Commission no later than December 5, 2005 regarding the status of this case with regard to the CenturyTel exchanges.

WHEREFORE, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission refrain from setting local public hearings at this time in order to allow the parties sufficient time to negotiate a possible settlement with respect to the CenturyTel exchanges, together with any additional relief the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,



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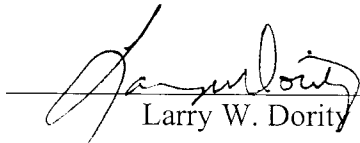
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