

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

In the Matter of a Request for the Modification)
of the Springfield Metropolitan Calling Area Plan) Case No. TO-2005-0143
to Make the Ozark Exchange a Mandatory MCA)
Tier 1 Exchange.)

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S STATUS REPORT

The Office of the Public Counsel and CenturyTel have generally discussed this case, but have not discussed it in any detail and have not reached any resolution of the issues. Since CenturyTel has expressed an interest in attempting to continue to informally discuss resolution of this matter, Public Counsel agreed to delay the submission of a final recommendation. Also, Public Counsel and CenturyTel have been focusing on the Rockaway Beach expanded area calling case and the St. Louis MCA expansion. Public Counsel has also been preparing testimony and responses to data requests in the Greenwood MCA expansion case.

Taking a cue from the agenda discussion regarding the Rockaway Beach case, as the next step Public Counsel plans to contact local county and city officials in the Ozark exchange and Christian County as well as state representatives from that area concerning the level of public interest in seeking the MCA expansion and discussion of terms and conditions given the interval since the original county officials expressed a desire for this expansion.

Public Counsel proposes to provide the Commission with another status report by Friday, January 14, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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