

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Socket
Telecom, LLC, for Approval of an Amendment
to an Interconnection Agreement with CenturyTel
of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel, Under
the Telecommunications Act of 1996

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Case No. TK-2009-0296

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND MAKING CENTURYTEL OF MISSOURI, LLC A PARTY

Issue Date: February 18, 2009

Effective Date: February 18, 2009

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties and joins the other party to the amendment to the interconnection agreement, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel, as a party to this proceeding.

On February 12, 2009, Socket Telecom, LLC filed an application with the Commission for approval of an amendment to the interconnection agreement with CenturyTel under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Socket states that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers and is consistent with the public interest.

Although CenturyTel is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because CenturyTel is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add it as a party to this case.

The Act provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the

agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹ Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously. The Commission finds that proper persons shall be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application shall be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel is made a party to this case.
3. Any party wishing to request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than March 10, 2009 , with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and send copies to:

Carl J. Lumley
Curtis, Heinz, Garrett & O'Keefe, PC
130 S. Bemiston, Suite 200
Clayton, Missouri 63105

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

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and:

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than March 20, 2009.

5. This order shall become effective on February 18, 2009.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of February, 2009.