

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

In the Matter of the Request from the Customers in the     )  
Rockaway Beach Exchange for an Expanded Calling     ) **Case No. TO-2003-0257**  
Scope to Make Toll-Free Calls to Branson.     )

**ORDER SCHEDULING EVIDENTIARY HEARING**  
**AND DIRECTING FILINGS**

Issue Date: August 16, 2005

Effective Date: August 16, 2005

During the August 16, 2005 Agenda, the Commission determined that it would be appropriate to schedule an evidentiary hearing regarding the expanded local calling plan proposed in the Stipulation and Agreement. The Commission anticipates that the evidentiary hearing will focus on the threshold issue of whether the plan's funding mechanism violates Section 392.245, RSMo. The Commission's Staff should be prepared to thoroughly address the cases and tariff filings referenced in the August 15, 2005 pleading of CenturyTel of Missouri, in which Staff may have recommended approval of rate design proposals that did not apply the CPI-TS (the telephone service component for the Consumer Price Index) rate reductions on an across-the-board, equal-percentage basis.

Because the hearing is being expedited, the Commission will waive the portion of its evidence rule<sup>1</sup> that requires prefiled testimony and will direct that all testimony be live at the hearing. The parties are directed to present oral arguments at the conclusion of the hearing in lieu of briefs. The transcript will be expedited and submitted to the Commission

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<sup>1</sup> 4 CSR 240-2.130.

on the next business day following the hearing. Prior to the hearing, each of the parties shall file a list of its witnesses to appear and the order in which they shall be called.

The Commission will also direct the Office of the Public Counsel and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, to file statements summarizing the public input provided during the “Community Informational Meetings.” The statements should include dates and locations of where the meetings were held, the number of participants at each meeting, and a summary of what the participants indicated they wanted in regards to expanded calling plans. If possible, the statements should be accompanied by a verified affidavit.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That an evidentiary hearing shall be held on Monday, August 22, 2005, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission’s offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Room 310, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate in the hearing should call the Public Service Commission’s Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

2. That no later than 9:00 a.m. on August 19, 2005, each of the parties shall file a list of its witnesses to appear and the order in which they shall be called.

3. That no later than 9:00 a.m. on August 22, 2005, the parties shall file a supplemental pleading regarding the “Community Informational Meetings,” as directed above.

4. That the transcript shall be expedited and submitted to the Commission one business day following the hearing.

5. That this order shall become effective on August 16, 2005.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 16th day of August, 2005.