

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

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| Petition of Socket Telecom, LLC for Compulsory     | ) |                       |
| Arbitration of Interconnection Agreements with     | ) |                       |
| CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC and Spectra            | ) | Case No. TO-2006-0299 |
| Communications, LLC, pursuant to Section 251(b)(1) | ) |                       |
| of the Telecommunications Act of 1996              | ) |                       |

**CONCURRING OPINION OF COMMISSIONER CONNIE MURRAY**

In its Order, the Commission approved a clarification of its Arbitration Order regarding the threshold that would require Socket Telecom, LLC ("Socket") to establish a new "Point of Interconnection" ("POI") in any exchange. While I believe the clarification is an improvement upon the original language in the Arbitration Order in that it focuses on the amount of traffic rather than the number of access lines, I still believe that it is arbitrary and I object for the reasons set forth in my Concurrence to the Arbitration Order.

While I continue to believe that the Arbitration Order when taken as a whole is reasonable, I again write separately to note that this provision is an unreasonable and arbitrary threshold that fails to comport with the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
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Connie Murray, Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri  
on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.