

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 ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: May 19, 2005

Effective Date: May 19, 2005

This case was opened to consider a request from telecommunications customers in the Rockaway Beach exchange for an expanded calling scope enabling them to call Branson toll-free. A prehearing conference has been held and Staff has filed several status reports. On April 11, 2005, the Commission issued an order directing notice of the case, setting an intervention deadline and a conference, and directing CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, to file illustrative tariff sheets, including supporting documentation if necessary, no later than May 25, 2005.

On May 18, 2005, CenturyTel filed its Motion for Protective Order and Motion for Expedited Treatment. In support of its request, CenturyTel states that future filings ordered, as well as possible discovery, will necessarily involve company-specific information that may include competitive cost and pricing information, marketing analyses and strategies, and other technical, financial and business information of a confidential or proprietary nature. In addition, other information that may be requested or utilized in filings or testimony may contain customer-specific or competitive pricing information, trade secrets, or other material the company considers confidential or proprietary. CenturyTel

indicates that none of this information can be found in any other public document, and that public disclosure of such information could harm the interests of the company or its employees or customers. CenturyTel requests that the Commission issue its standard-form protective order on or before May 24, 2005.

The Commission has reviewed CenturyTel's motions and finds that there is a need to protect confidential and proprietary data and material that may be filed in this case. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect such information, and the issuance of protective orders has helped to minimize disputes in past cases. The Commission finds that a protective order should be granted and that CenturyTel's motion for expedited treatment is reasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Protective Order and Motion for Expedited Treatment filed by CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, on May 18, 2005, is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.

2. That this order shall become effective on May 19, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th day of May, 2005.