

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 16th day of
September, 2009.

In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel of)
Missouri, LLC, for Review and Reversal of North)
American Number Plan Thousands-Block Pooling)
Administrator's Decision to Withhold Numbering)
Resources)

Case No. TO-2010-0079

**ORDER GRANTING EXPEDITED TREATMENT
AND OVERTURNING NORTH AMERICAN
NUMBERING PLAN ADMINISTRATOR'S DECISION**

Issue Date: September 16, 2009

Effective Date: September 16, 2009

On September 4, 2009, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, filed an Application and Motion for Expedited Treatment requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission review and reverse a decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), NeuStar, Inc., of CenturyTel's application to obtain two consecutive blocks of one-thousand numbers in the O'Fallon rate center that are within: (1) the 636-542 NPA-NXX, and (2) the XXXX range of 5000 through 6999 or 6000 through 7999. CenturyTel made the request to accommodate the needs of Fort Zumwalt School District in order to simplify its dialing pattern as it deploys a new telecommunications system.

On September 15, 2009, the Staff of the Commission filed its Staff Recommendation. No other applications to intervene, requests for hearing, or recommendations have been filed. Staff recommended the Commission grant CenturyTel's

request. Staff explained that CenturyTel's utilization level of 70.283% is below the required utilization level of 75% and the months to exhaust is 56.166 and 59.166, which is above the required 6 months. Also, CenturyTel does not have two consecutive blocks of one-thousand telephone numbers. Staff believes CenturyTel has demonstrated a verifiable need for two consecutive blocks of one-thousand additional telephone numbers in the O'Fallon rate center.

The Commission has the authority to overturn NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from a carrier pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §52.15(g)(4), which states in part, "The state commission also may overturn the NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination that the carrier has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies."

Based on CenturyTel's application and the Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that CenturyTel has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. The Commission overturns NANPA's decision and approves CenturyTel's requests for two consecutive blocks of one-thousand telephone numbers as listed above.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's Motion for Expedited Treatment is granted.
2. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources from CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, is overturned.

3. CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's request to receive two consecutive blocks of one-thousand telephone numbers in the O'Fallon rate center within the 636-542 NPA/NXX within the range of 5000 through 6999 or 6000 through 7999, is granted.

4. This order shall become effective on September 16, 2009.

5. This case may be closed on September 17, 2009.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

(S E A L)

Clayton, Chm., Davis, Jarrett,
Gunn, and Kenney, CC., concur.

Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge