

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 9th day of
February, 2011.

In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel of)	
Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, for Review and)	
Reversal of North American Number Plan)	<u>File No. TO-2011-0244</u>
Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator's Decision)	
To Withhold Numbering Resources)	

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

Issue Date: February 9, 2011

Effective Date: February 9, 2011

On January 31, 2011, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, 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 CenturyLink's application to obtain one block of one-thousand numbers from which a block of 200 consecutive Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) numbers beginning with NPA-NXX-1000, or similar number, may be drawn. The additional numbers are needed in order to meet the needs of SAK Construction's move of headquarters' offices and the expansion of the company.

On February 8, 2011, the Staff of the Commission filed its Staff Recommendation. No other applications to intervene, requests for hearing, or recommendations have been filed.

Staff explained that CenturyLink does not have a block of numbers available to meet this customer's needs. Thus, even though CenturyLink's utilization level is below the utilization level of 75% required by the FCC, the numbers available are not MCA numbers and may not be in sequential order as requested by SAK Construction. Staff believes CenturyLink has demonstrated a verifiable need for one block of one-thousand numbers containing a block of 200 consecutive MCA numbers beginning with NPA-NXX-1000 or similar number in the O'Fallon, Missouri rate center. Staff further recommends that if a new code is required to be opened for this occasion, CenturyLink shall utilize one block of one thousand numbers and return the remaining nine blocks to the Pooling Administrator. Staff recommended the Commission grant CenturyLink's request.

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 CenturyLink's application and the Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that CenturyLink has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. The Commission overturns

NANPA's decision and approves CenturyLink's requests for one block of 200 consecutive MCA telephone numbers as listed above.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink'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 d/b/a CenturyLink, is overturned.

3. CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink's request to receive one block of one-thousand numbers, in the O'Fallon, Missouri rate center, from which a block of 200 consecutive MCA numbers beginning with NPA-NXX-1000, or similar number, may be drawn, is granted.

4. If a new code must be opened to meet the requirements of this order, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink shall utilize one block of one thousand numbers and return the remaining nine blocks to the Pooling Administrator.

5. This order shall become effective on February 9, 2011.

6. This file may be closed on February 10, 2011.

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