

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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.)

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO STRIKE

Issue Date: June 22, 2006

Effective Date: June 22, 2006

In an effort to clarify the Arbitrator's decision with regard to single/multiple points of interconnection (POIs), the Arbitrator issued an order directing that CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC file a pleading setting out its access line-to-trunk ratio for each of its exchanges.

On June 9, 2006, Socket Telecom, LLC filed a motion for reconsideration of the Arbitrator's order. Socket argued that the order may prompt CenturyTel to file information that is self-serving and not subject to scrutiny. Without affording CenturyTel an opportunity to respond, the Arbitrator granted Socket's motion. Upon reconsideration, the Arbitrator realized that the offense to due process outweighed the necessity for the additional information. Thereafter, CenturyTel filed a motion to strike Socket's motion for reconsideration. Socket then filed a response to CenturyTel's motion.

As a basis for moving the Arbitrator to strike Socket's motion, CenturyTel states that Socket misrepresents its position and restates arguments having to do with POIs. The Arbitrator hereby notifies the parties that whatever Socket stated in this regard was completely ignored and, in fact, not even noticed. The only argument the Arbitrator noticed,

while considering whether to withdraw the order directing CenturyTel to file additional information, was that CenturyTel's pleading would be self-serving and that Socket would not be able to respond to what would be additional evidence.

The Arbitrator must deny CenturyTel's motion to strike. Otherwise, CenturyTel would be allowed to file evidence at this "too-late-to-file-anything-else" date. However, the reasons for CenturyTel's motion to strike have been served in that the Final Commission Decision in this matter was not affected by whatever arguments Socket presented in its motion for reconsideration.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's motion to strike Socket Telecom, LLC's motion for reconsideration is denied.
2. This order shall become effective on June 22, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 22nd day of June, 2006.