BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Request of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, and Embarq Missouri, Inc. for Relief from Submission of Surveillance Data Reports.

) File No. TO-2010-0042

STAFF RESPONSE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its response to the Pleading filed by the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) states:

1. As noted in its recommendation, the Staff finds the reports uninformative and believes they can be discontinued without any deterioration in oversight or degradation of customer service. The Staff sees no reason for CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC and Embarq Missouri, Inc. to continue to collect and retain the information contained in the reports in the unlikely event that the information will become useful.

2. The Staff does agree with the OPC that, as a general proposition, telecommunications companies should make and maintain such records as are necessary to monitor their systems and services so that safe and adequate service levels can be attained.

WHEREFORE, the Staff continues to recommend that the Commission issue an order that relieves the Companies of their obligation to file Surveillance Data Reports.

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Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 27th day of August, 2009.