## BEFORE THE PUBIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of the	)	
United Way of Greater St. Louis, Inc.	)	
for an Order of the Commission	)	Case No. TO-2007-0312
Granting it Authority as an Information	)	
and Referral Provider for Purposes of	)	
Obtaining 211 Service	)	v.

## **APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC ("CenturyTel") and Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel ("Spectra"), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075 and the Commission's March 2, 2007 Order Directing Notice and Setting Date for Submission of Intervention Requests ("Order"), and for their joint Application to Intervene respectfully state as follows:

- 1. Spectra is a Delaware Limited Liability Company, and a Commission-regulated incumbent local exchange telecommunications company, authorized to do business in Missouri as evidenced by the certificate of authority issued by the Missouri Secretary of State that was filed in Case No. TM-2000-0182 and incorporated herein by reference. Spectra operates in Missouri using the fictitious name of "CenturyTel", pursuant to the registration of fictitious name filed in Case No. TO-2001-0437 and incorporated by reference herein. Spectra provides basic local exchange and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri pursuant to certificates of service authority issued and tariffs approved by the Commission.
- 2. CenturyTel is a Louisiana Limited Liability Company, and a Commission-regulated incumbent local exchange telecommunications company, authorized to do business in Missouri as evidenced by the certificate of authority issued by the Missouri Secretary of State that was filed in Case No. TM-2002-0232 and incorporated herein by reference. On August 30, 2002, CenturyTel purchased the local exchange property of GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest, pursuant to the Commission's Report and Order issued on May 21, 2002 in Case No. TM-2002-

0232. In that case, the Commission authorized CenturyTel to provide basic local and interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri.

3. All communications, correspondence, pleadings, notices and orders relating to this application should be sent to:

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- 4. This case was created upon application by the United Way of Greater St. Louis, Inc., on February 23, 2007, to be authorized to serve as an information and referral provider for purposes of obtaining 211 services in a large portion of the state of Missouri, which includes approximately 187 CenturyTel and Spectra exchanges. In the March 2, 2007 Order, the Commission directed that any party wishing to intervene in this proceeding should file an application to do so no later than March 22, 2007.
- 5. Spectra and CenturyTel make this application to intervene for the purpose of monitoring the docket, as well as to receive the appropriate orders and notifications that pertain to the companies' obligation to provide 211 services in accordance with their respective tariffs. Both companies' legal rights, duties and other legal interests may be affected by the outcome of this proceeding and no other party can adequately represent Spectra's and CenturyTel's interests in this case.
- 6. Neither Spectra nor CenturyTel take a position in favor of or in opposition to the UWGSL's application to be the sole provider of 211 services in their respective exchanges.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons and having timely complied with the requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.075, Spectra Communications Group, LLC, d/b/a CenturyTel, and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC respectfully request that the Commission grant this Application to Intervene in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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