

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Request of Southwestern Bell    )  
Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, for a Waiver   )  
Of Certain Requirements of 4 CSR 240-29.040(4).    )

**Case No. TE-2006-0053**

**RESPONSE OF CENTURYTEL OF MISSOURI, LLC  
TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

COMES NOW CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (“CenturyTel”), pursuant to the Commission’s *Order Adding Parties and Directing Filing* entered in this matter on September 12, 2005, and for its response respectfully states as follows:

1. In its September 12, 2005 *Order*, the Commission found that Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC are necessary parties to this case and, therefore, made them parties and directed them to file pleadings explaining why they are or are not affected by the subject rule.

2. CenturyTel has participated in an initial industry workshop, facilitated by the Commission Staff, addressing issues related to the current waiver granted to Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri in Case No. TX-2003-0301, and will be participating in a follow-up workshop now scheduled for November 1, 2005. Accordingly, the extent to which CenturyTel may be directly affected by the subject rule is still under review. CenturyTel anticipates that the issues under discussion may be clarified at the November 1, 2005 meeting.

WHEREFORE, CenturyTel submits its response to the Order Directing Filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, transmitted by e-mail or mailed, First Class, postage prepaid, this 22nd day of September, 2005, to counsel of record.

/s/ Larry W. Dority

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