

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC and Spectra)
Communications Group, LLC for Approval)
Of Resale Agreement with Granite)
Telecommunications, LLC under)
47 U.S.C. § 252.)

Case No. _____

**APPLICATION OF CENTURYTEL OF MISSOURI, LLC
AND SPECTRA COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, LLC
FOR APPROVAL OF RESALE AGREEMENT WITH
GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

COME NOW CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC ("CenturyTel") and Spectra Communications Group, LLC ("Spectra") (collectively "Applicants"), pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") Rule 4 CSR 240-3.513(1), and hereby apply for approval by the Commission of the accompanying Resale Agreement voluntarily entered into by Applicants and Granite Telecommunications, LLC, pursuant to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") under 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

1. CenturyTel is a Louisiana limited liability corporation that is duly authorized to do business in the state of Missouri. Copies of CenturyTel's Certificate of Authority to transact business in Missouri from the Missouri Secretary of State were filed in Case No. TM-2002-232, and are incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G). CenturyTel is a "local exchange telecommunications company" and a "public utility," and is duly authorized to provide "telecommunications service" within the State of Missouri as each of those terms are defined in Section 386.020, RSMo. 2000.

2. Spectra is a Delaware Limited Liability Company authorized to do business in Missouri, as evidenced by the certificate of authority issued by the Missouri Secretary of State which was filed in Case No. TM-2000-182 and incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G). Spectra is a "local exchange telecommunications company" and a "public utility," and is duly authorized to provide "telecommunications service" within the State of Missouri as each of those terms are defined in Section 386.020, RSMo. 2000.

3. All correspondence, communications, and orders and decisions of the Commission issued in this matter should be sent to:

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4. Applicants have no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against them from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of the Application. No Missouri annual reports or assessment fees are overdue.

In support of this Application, Applicants state the following:

I. AGREEMENT REACHED

Applicants present to this Commission for approval the attached Resale Agreement Between CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, Spectra Communications Group, LLC and Granite Telecommunications, LLC ("Agreement") that was negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the Act. Following good faith negotiations to address all of the complex issues involved in such an agreement, the parties signed the Agreement on March 2, 2006, and hereby file the

Agreement, together with two attachments incorporated therein, with all pages sequentially numbered. There are no outstanding issues between the parties to the Agreement that need the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

II. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Applicants seek the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Act. Applicants believe that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Act because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Agreement promotes interconnectivity and diversity in providers, and will increase customer choices for telecommunications services.

Applicants respectfully request that the Commission grant approval of this Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation. This is a bilateral agreement, reached as a result of negotiation and compromise between the Applicants and Granite.

III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW

The statutory standards of review are set forth in Section 252(e) of the Act, which provides:

(e) APPROVAL BY STATE COMMISSION

- (1) **APPROVAL REQUIRED.** – Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) **GROUND FOR REJECTION.** – The State Commission may only reject –
 - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that –
 - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates

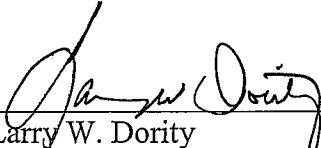
against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
(ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity;

IV. MISSOURI LEGISLATION

The negotiated and executed Agreement is consistent with Missouri Senate Bill 507, which became effective on August 28, 1996.

WHEREFORE, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC and Spectra Communications Group, LLC respectfully request the Commission to enter an Order approving the Resale Agreement with Granite Telecommunications, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,



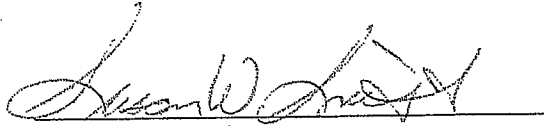
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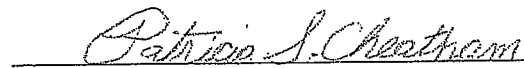
VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS)
) SS
COUNTY OF BOWIE)

I, Susan W. Smith, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon my oath, state that I am the Director - External Affairs, CenturyTel, and that I am authorized to make this verification on behalf of Applicants; and that the facts set forth in the foregoing Application are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.


Susan W. Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of April, 2006.


Notary Public

My Commission expires:

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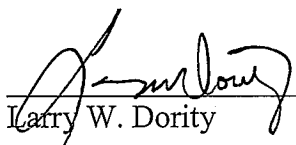
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 6th day of April, 2006, to:

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