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Mr. Steven C. Reed  
Secretary of the Commission  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: Proposed *Ex Parte* Rules  
Case No. AX-2010-0128

Dear Mr. Reed:

CenturyLink<sup>1</sup> hereby advises the Missouri Public Service Commission that it concurs in the comments filed by AT&T Missouri in the above-referenced matter. CenturyLink agrees with AT&T Missouri's assertion that the existing statutory provisions set out in Section 386.210, RSMo (Cum. Supp. 2007) appear sufficient to govern communications between public utilities and the Commission. While CenturyLink does not oppose rules that provide guidance in the interpretation of the existing authority, we encourage the Commission to carefully review its proposed *ex parte* rules to ensure that it does not adopt rules that narrow the scope of Section 386.210.

CenturyLink believes it is important that as both a regulator and a policy maker, the Missouri Public Service Commission must maintain open and fair communication with the utilities that are affected by its decisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments and support in this proceeding.

Respectfully,



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Regulatory Affairs Manager

c: MoPSC General Counsel  
Public Counsel

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<sup>1</sup> CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, and Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, will be referred to collectively in this pleading as "CenturyLink".