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3. That notwithstanding, during Opening Statements, Commissioner Clayton asked counsel several background questions regarding the routing and compensation regime applicable to certain types of calls under the parties' Interconnection Agreements ("Agreements"). In one such question, Commissioner Clayton asked Socket's counsel, Carl Lumley, if a call originated and terminated in the same exchange was subject to bill-and-keep or reciprocal compensation. Mr. Lumley responded that he interpreted the Agreements as applying reciprocal compensation to such a call. Somewhat caught off guard, I agreed with Mr. Lumley's characterization as follows: "Yeah, I'd agree with that."

4. However, the compensation regime specifically applicable to Local Traffic (including local ISP Traffic) under the Agreements was not an issue in the number porting proceeding, and as such, I had not thought it necessary nor had I previously analyzed the specific provisions of the Agreements regarding intercarrier compensation for Local Traffic. Moreover, I was not in any way involved with and did not represent CenturyTel in its earlier Commission proceedings with respect to the Agreements. Specifically, at the time of the above-referenced hearing, I was not aware that the Agreements were intentionally silent as to a compensation regime applicable to Local Traffic. Nor was I aware, at the time, that CenturyTel has consistently interpreted the Agreements as not requiring either party to pay the other for terminating Local Traffic (including local ISP Traffic). Again, I did not have reason to investigate or review these intercarrier compensation provisions with respect to Local Traffic, or CenturyTel's position thereon, given that the compensation regime applicable to Local Traffic

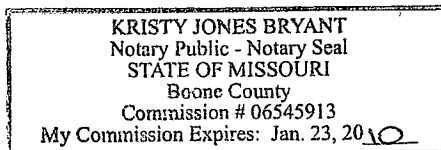
was not an issue in the number porting case. Thus, in agreeing at the hearing with Mr. Lumley's legal interpretation of the Agreements, I made an inadvertent error.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this
13th day of February, 2008.

Kristy Jones Bryant
Notary Public in the _____



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