

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

In Re: ICC Bill-and-Keep Amendment to the	)	
Commercial Mobile Radio Services	)	
Interconnection Agreement By and Between	)	
USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC and	)	Case No. _____
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a	)	
CenturyLink, and CenturyTel of Northwest	)	
Arkansas, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink	)	
Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the	)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996.	)	

**APPLICATION OF CENTURYLINK  
FOR APPROVAL OF AN ICC BILL AND KEEP AMENDMENT TO THE  
COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICES INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink (collectively "CenturyLink") and hereby files this Application for Approval of an ICC Bill-and-Keep Amendment to the Commercial Mobile Radio Services Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") between USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC. ("USCOC") and CenturyLink pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Federal Act"). In support of its application, CenturyLink states the following:

**I. APPLICANTS**

CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink is a Louisiana limited liability corporation that is duly authorized to do business in the state of Missouri and authorized by the Commission to provide basic local and interexchange telecommunications services. Copies of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC'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 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G).

CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink is a Louisiana limited liability corporation that is duly authorized to do business in the state of Missouri and authorized by the Commission to provide basic local and interexchange telecommunications services. Copies of CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC's Certificate of Authority to transact business in Missouri from the Missouri Secretary of State were filed in File No. TN-2010-0090, and are incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G). To CenturyLink's knowledge, there are no overdue assessments or annual reports nor are there any pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it involving customer service or rates occurring within the last three years.

CenturyLink acquired certain assets of GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated, including the underlying Interconnection Agreement between the parties in Docket No. TM-2002-232.

## **II. INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

CenturyLink presents to the Commission its application pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and USCOC entered into a Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") in 1998, which was approved by the Commission in Docket No. TO-98-230 on March 5, 1998. CenturyLink and USCOC recently entered into the attached ICC Bill-and-Keep Amendment to the Commercial Mobile Radio Services Interconnection Agreement. There are no outstanding issues related to the Agreement between the parties that require the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

## **III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW**

The statutory standard of review under Section 252(e) of the Act states:

- (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 to shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) under subsection (a) if it finds Grounds for Rejection. The State commission may only reject.
  - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation 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; or...

CenturyLink further states that the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity in that it allows for full and fair competition and greater choice for the consumer. The Agreement does not discriminate against other carriers who are not a party to the Agreement because the terms of the Agreement are equally available to any other carrier.

#### **IV. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL**

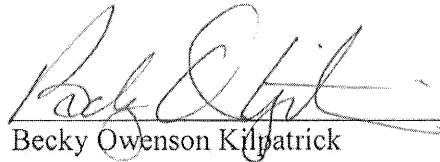
CenturyLink seeks the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and USCOC believe that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest,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

CenturyLink and USCOC respectfully request that the Commission grant approval of the Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation.

V. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, CenturyLink requests that the Commission approve the ICC Bill-and-Keep Amendment to the Commercial Mobile Radio Services Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and USCOC.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERIFICATION


I, Becky Owenson Kilpatrick, an attorney and duly authorized representative of CenturyLink hereby verify and affirm that I have read the foregoing Application of CenturyLink for Approval of an ICC Bill-and-Keep Amendment to the Commercial Mobile Radio Services Interconnection Agreement, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

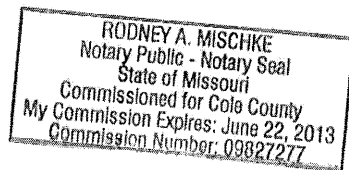
  
Becky Owenson Kilpatrick

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

My Commission Expires:

6/22/2013

  
Notary Public in and for said  
County and State



## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013, a copy of the above and foregoing Application of CenturyLink for Approval of an ICC Bill-and-Keep Amendment to the Commercial Mobile Radio Services Interconnection Agreement was served via email or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to each of the following:

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