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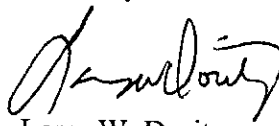
**Re: In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel Telecommunications, Inc. To
Cancel its Certificate of Service Authority and Tariffs in the State of Missouri.**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Commission the original and eight (8) copies of Application of CenturyTel Telecommunications, Inc. To Cancel its Certificate of Service Authority and Tariffs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Larry W. DORITY

Enclosures

cc: Dana K. Joyce, General Counsel
Office of the Public Counsel
Nancy Buchan, CenturyTel

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
CenturyTel Telecommunications, Inc.)
To Cancel its Certificate of Service)
Authority and Tariffs in the State of)
Missouri.)

Case No. _____

**APPLICATION OF CENTURYTEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
TO CANCEL ITS CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY
AND TARIFFS**

COMES NOW CenturyTel Telecommunications, Inc. ("Applicant"), by and through its counsel, and pursuant to Section 392.410.5, RSMo 2000,¹ respectfully requests the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to cancel its Certificate of Service Authority and Tariffs. In support of its Application, Applicant states as follows:

1. Applicant is a certificated interexchange carrier in Missouri with its principal place of business located at 100 CenturyTel Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203. Century Telecommunications Inc. ("Century"), a Texas corporation, was granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri on October 25, 1995, in Case No. TA-96-63. Century submitted an Application for Approval of Name Change on November 9, 1998, designed to reflect that it would be operating under the fictitious name, CenturyTel Telecommunications, Inc. Century included with its filing in that proceeding a Registration of Fictitious Name and the Amended Certificate of Authority of a Foreign

¹ All citations to statutory sections are to the 2000 Revised Statutes of Missouri, as currently supplemented, unless otherwise indicated.

Corporation from the Missouri Secretary of State filed June 4, 1998, and those documents are incorporated by reference herein. On December 15, 1998, the Commission issued its Order Recognizing Change of Corporate Name and a request for filing of adoption notice in Case No. TO-99-208. The resulting adoption notice was approved by the Commission on February 10, 1999.

2. Applicant has no customers in the state of Missouri and no longer offers telecommunications services in the State. Accordingly, Applicant does not have to notify anyone regarding discontinuance of service in Missouri.

3. Cancellation of Applicant's Certificate of Service Authority and tariffs is not detrimental to the public interest.

4. All correspondence, communications, orders and decisions of the Commission should be forwarded to:

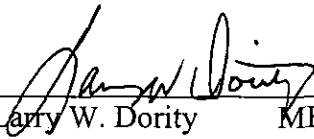
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5. Applicant has no pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of the Application.

6. Applicant has filed its Annual Report with the Commission and no assessment fees are overdue.

WHEREFORE, CenturyTel Telecommunications, Inc. respectfully requests the Commission to grant its Application to Cancel its Certificate of Service Authority and Tariffs, and for any other relief appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



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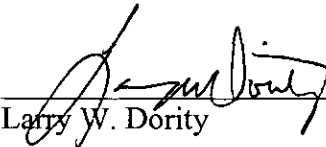
Attorneys for Applicant
CenturyTel Telecommunications, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this document has been hand-delivered or mailed, First Class, U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 1st day of August, 2002, to:

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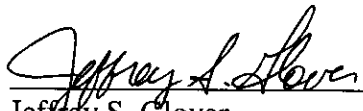


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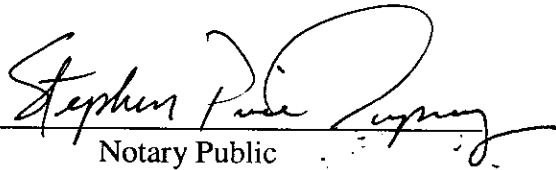
STATE OF LOUISIANA)
) ss.
PARISH OF OUACHITA)

Jeffrey S. Glover, being first duly sworn, on his oath and in his capacity as Vice President External Relations, CenturyTel Service Group, LLC, states that he is authorized to execute on behalf of CenturyTel Telecommunications, Inc. this Application to Cancel Its Certificate of Service Authority and Tariffs, and has knowledge of the matters stated in this Application, and that said matters are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Jeffrey S. Glover
Vice President External Relations
CenturyTel Service Group, LLC

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of July, 2002.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: AT DEATH

