

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
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CenturyTel Solutions, LLC)
)
for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide) Case No. _____
Basic Local Exchange, Interexchange and)
Local Exchange Telecommunications)
Services in the State of Missouri)
and for Competitive Classification.)

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

COMES NOW CenturyTel Solutions, LLC (“CTS” or “Applicant”) and moves the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.085, to issue a protective order in this matter with respect to financial information provided in conjunction with CTS’s Application for certificate of service authority for basic local exchange telecommunications service, interexchange telecommunications service and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications service, which is being filed concurrently herewith. In support of its motion, CTS states as follows:

1. CTS is a privately-held Louisiana limited liability company engaged in the provision of telecommunications services which are highly competitive. The public disclosure of the financial information required to be submitted in support of CTS’s Application for certificate of service authority could be injurious to its business and competitive positions.

2. CTS has concurrently filed its Application for certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications service. Applicant will

late-file Exhibit 3 to the Application, its highly confidential financial information, after the Commission issues its standard Protective Order in this matter. Only a public version of the Application and attachments/exhibits is being filed at this time.

3. The financial statements to be included with the Application are private and confidential financial and business information, and therefore constitute highly confidential information entitled to protection from disclosure under 4 CSR 240-2.085. None of the information for which CTS claims confidentiality has been released in any format in any other public document.

WHEREFORE, CTS respectfully requests that the Commission issue its standard protective order in this proceeding with respect to the financial statements to be late-filed as Exhibit 3 to CenturyTel Solutions, LLC's Application for Certificate of Service Authority and for Competitive Classification.

Respectfully submitted,



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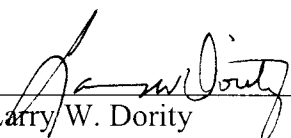
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Certificate of Service

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 20th day of August, 2003, to:

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