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Case No. _____

1. Simultaneous with the filing of this Motion, CenturyTel has filed its Application of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC for CPI-TS Reduction Waiver, wherein CenturyTel requests a waiver for good cause shown from the requirement to reduce prices of exchange access and basic local telecommunications service in accordance with Section 392.245.4(1)(a), RSMo. (2006). CenturyTel states that the filing and Commission review of said Application will necessarily involve company-specific information that may include competitive pricing information, marketing analyses and strategies, and other technical, financial and business information of a confidential or proprietary nature, the public disclosure of which would be harmful to CenturyTel. None of the information for which a claim of confidentiality is made can be found in any format in any other public document. CenturyTel requests the Commission to issue its standard protective order in the same form as has been customary in previous cases.

2. CenturyTel states that the Commission has issued this standard protective order in numerous other dockets where it has recognized a genuine need to protect confidential information from disclosure. The issuance of protective orders in prior proceedings has helped to minimize disputes, and has provided a sound method for parties to submit confidential information.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC respectfully requests the Commission to issue a protective order in this proceeding, in the same form as has been customary in previous cases.

Respectfully submitted,

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