

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

In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone)	
Company, d/b/a SBC Missouri's Proposed Revised)	
Tariff Sheet Intended to Increase by Eight Percent)	<u>Case No. IT-2004-0015</u>
the Rates for Line Status Verification and Busy Line))	Tariff No. JI-2003-2141
Interrupt as Authorized by Section 392.245, RSMo,)	
the Price Cap Statute.)	

**APPLICATION TO INTERVENE
OF
SPECTRA COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, LLC dba CENTURYTEL
AND CENTURYTEL OF MISSOURI, LLC**

COME NOW Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel ("Spectra") and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC ("CenturyTel") (collectively referred to herein as "Applicants"), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075 and apply to intervene and to become parties herein. In support thereof, Applicants state:

1. Spectra is a Delaware Limited Liability Company authorized to do business in Missouri as evidenced by the certificate of authority issued by the Missouri Secretary of State which was filed in Case No. TM-2000-182 and incorporated herein by reference. Spectra operates in Missouri using the fictitious name of "CenturyTel," pursuant to the registration of fictitious name filed in Case No. TO-2001-437 and incorporated herein by reference. Spectra provides basic local exchange and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri pursuant to certificates of service authority issued by this Commission. The Commission approved Spectra's petition for a determination that it is subject to price cap regulation in its *Order Approving Price Cap Regulation* in Case No. IO-2003-0132 (issued December 17, 2002).

2. CenturyTel is a Louisiana Limited Liability Company authorized to do business in Missouri as evidenced by the certificate of authority issued by the Missouri Secretary of State which was filed in Case No. TM-2002-232 and incorporated herein by reference. On August 30, 2002, CenturyTel purchased the local exchange property of GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest, pursuant to the Commission's *Report & Order* in Case No. TM-2002-232 issued on May 21, 2002. In Case No. TM-2002-232, the Commission authorized CenturyTel to provide basic local and interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri, and it also determined that CenturyTel is subject to price cap regulation.

3. All communications, correspondence, and pleadings in regard to this application should be directed to:

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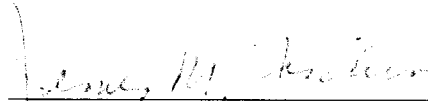
4. On June 10, 2003, SBC Missouri filed its proposed tariff intended to increase its Line Status Verification and Busy Line Interrupt rates by eight percent, pursuant to Section 392.245(11), RSMo 2000.

5. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075(2), Applicants state that CenturyTel and Spectra support SBC Missouri's statutory authority to increase its non-basic rates for the Line Status Verification and Busy Line Interrupt services.

6. Applicants' interests in this case are different from that of the general public. Applicants are local exchange telecommunications companies that are subject to price cap regulation, pursuant to Section 392.245 RSMo 2000, and the Applicants are therefore vitally interested in the proper application of the price cap statute. The final outcome of this case could adversely affect the Applicants and their interests in that any ruling may potentially impact all price-cap regulated companies, including the Applicants. Furthermore, granting this Application to Intervene will be in the public interest because the Applicants will bring to this proceeding their expertise in the areas being investigated and their experience as local exchange service providers. Finally, no other party to this will adequately protect the interests of the Applicants herein.

WHEREFORE, Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC respectfully request that the Commission issue an order authorizing their intervention in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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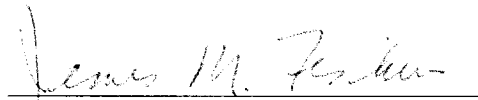
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