

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

In the Matter of

CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's Request for
Competitive Classification Pursuant to Section
392.245.5, RsMo (2005)

Case No. IO-2006-0109

MOTION TO BE EXCUSED FROM PARTICIPATING IN HEARING

Charter Fiberlink-Missouri, LLC ("Charter") pursuant to the Order establishing a procedural schedule in the above captioned proceeding hereby files its Motion To Be Excused from Participating in the Hearing of this matter scheduled for 8:30 A.M. on Tuesday, September 27, 2005.

In support of this motion Charter states as follows:

1. Charter first became aware of its involvement in this proceeding late last week, some time following the Commission's September 22nd issuance of its Order Adding Parties and Directing Responses.
2. Because Charter only became aware of its involvement in this proceeding very recently it has not been able to arrange to have counsel appear at the hearing because such counsel have prior commitments which they can not avoid on such short notice.
3. Charter is currently preparing a verified pleading in compliance with the Commission's Order directing a response.
4. Charter expects to file the verified pleading with the requested information as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday, September 27, 2005.

5. Counsel for Applicant and the Commission Staff do not object to this request.

WHEREFORE, Charter requests that it be excused from participating in the hearing on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARTER FIBERLINK-MISSOURI, LLC

/s/K.C. Halm

Carrie L. Cox
Charter Communications, Inc.
12405 Powerscourt Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63131
314-965-0555 (phone)
314-965-6640 (fax)

Christopher W. Savage
K.C. Halm
Cole, Raywid & Braverman, L.L.P.
1919 Penn. Ave., N.W., Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 659-9750 (phone)
(202) 452-0067 (fax)

Karl Zobrist, Mo Bar No. 28325
Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, LLP
4520 Main St., Suite 1100
Kansas City, MO 64111
(314) 241-1800 (phone)
(816) 531-7545 (fax)

Its Attorneys

Dated: September 26, 2005