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**Public Service Commission** 

P.O. Box 360

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Missouri Public Service Commission

Re:

In the Matter of the Adoption of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC and WW License, LLC Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement By Chariton Valley Communication Corporation, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and eight copies of the Notice of Adoption of Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement in the above referenced case.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the number listed above.

Singerely

aid S. Johnson

CSJ:lw

Encl.

CC: Office of Public Counsel

General Counsel CenturyTel Larry Dority Gregory Whiteaker

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## DEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF THE	)
CENTURYTEL OF MISSOURI, L.L.C AND	)
WWC LICENSE, L.L.C. INTERCONNECTION AND	)
RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT	) Case No
BY CHARITON VALLEY COMMUNICATION	)
CORPORATION, INC. PURSUANT TO SECTION	)
252(i) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT	)
OF 1996.	)

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF INTERCONNECTION AND RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT

COMES NOW Chariton Valley Communication Corporation, Inc. ("CVCI") and respectfully files this Notice of Adoption of Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement ("Notice of Adoption") pursuant to § 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and 4 CSR 240-2.080(3). In connection with this filing, CVCI states as follows:

1. CVCI is a Missouri Corporation authorized to do business in the State of Missouri, as evidenced by the Certificate of Good Standing from the Missouri Secretary of State's office attached as Exhibit 1. CVCI's principle place of business is located at 109 Butler St., Macon, Missouri 63552. The designated contacts for purposes of this adopted agreement are:

Jim Simon
General Manager
Chariton Valley Communication
Corporation, Inc.
109 Butler St.
Macon, MO 63552
660-359-9600
Fax: 660-359-4403

Craig S. Johnson Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace & Johnson, L.L.C. P.O. Box 1438 Jefferson City, MO 65102-1438 573-634-3422 Fax: 573-634-7822

- 2. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act"), CVCI notified Spectra that it desired to adopt the terms of the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement ("Terms") between CenturyTel of Missouri, L.L.C. ("CenturyTel") and WWC License L.L.C. ("WWC") approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. TK-2004-0499 ("Underlying Agreement"). Subsequently, CenturyTel and CVCI signed a cover letter relating to CVCI's adoption of the Terms. A copy of this letter and signature page are attached as Exhibit 2.
  - 3. Section 252(i) of the Act provides as follows:
    - (i) AVAILABILITY TO OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS.-

A local exchange carrier shall make available any interconnection services, or network element provided under an agreement approved under this section to which it is a party to any other requesting telecommunications carrier upon the same terms and condition as those provided in the agreement.

4. A copy of the Commission's May 11, 2004 Order approving the Underlying Agreement is attached as Exhibit 3. As described in the Order, the Commission approved the Underlying Agreement pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Act by finding that is was consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity and did not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. Accordingly, the Terms are adopted by CVCI and will apply to CVCI and Spectra pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act. There are no outstanding disputed issues between Spectra and CVCI relating to this adoption.

WHEREFORE, CVCI respectfully submits this Notice of Adoption of Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement and requests that the Commission take notice of such adoption pursuant to its authority to regulate telecommunications in the State of Missouri.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANDERECK, EVANS, MILNE, PEACE & JOHNSON, LLC

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### ATTORNEYS FOR CVCI

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was hand delivered or mailed, U. S. Mail, postage pre-paid, this <u>23</u>/day of December, 2004, to:

Office of the Public Counsel P.O. Box 2230 Jefferson City, MO 65102

General Counsel Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

CenturyTel Attention: Director Carrier Relations 100 CenturyTel Drive Monroe, LA 71203 CenturyTel Attention: Director External Affairs 911 North Bishop, Suite C-207 Texarkana, TX 75501

Larry W. Dority Fischer & Dority, PC 101 Madison St., Suite 400 Jefferson City, MO 65101

Gregory Whiteaker Bennet & Bennet, PLLC 10 G Street, NE, Suite 710 Washington, DC 20002

Attorney for CVCI

#### VERIFICATION

I, James Simon, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon my oath, state that I am General Manager of Chariton Valley Communication Corporation, Inc., and that I am authorized to make this verification on behalf of Chariton Valley Communications Corporation, Inc., and that the facts set forth in the foregoing "Notice of Adoption of Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement" are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

James Simon

STATE OF MISSOURI )
COUNTY OF )

Subscribed and sworn to me, a Notary Public, on this 2/5 day of December, 2004.

AUDRA E. LINEBAUGH
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
Chariton County
My Commision Expires: May 27, 2006

Audra E. Linebaugh Notary Public

My commission expires May 27th, 2004

STATE OF MISSOUR



# Matt Blunt Secretary of State

# CORPORATION DIVISION CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, MATT BLUNT, Secretary of the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the records in my office and in my care and custody reveal that

### CHARITON VALLEY COMMUNICATION CORPORATION, INC. 00259475

was created under the laws of this State on the 27th day of December, 1983, and is in good standing, having fully complied with all requirements of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri, on this, the 16th day of December, 2004

Secretary of State

Certification Number: 7239474-1 Reference:

Verify this certificate online at http://www.sos.mo.gov/businessentity/verification





August 16, 2004

Chariton Valley Communication Corp.
ATTN: Bill Biere
General Manager
109 Butler Street
Macon, MO 63552

Subject:

Chariton Valley Communication Corporation, Inc.'s adoption of the terms of the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement between

CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC and WWC License LLC

Dear Mr. Biere:

CENTURYTEL OF MISSOURI, LLC ("CENTURYTEL") has received your notice stating that, under Section 252 (i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), CHARITON VALLEY COMMUNICATION CORPORATION, INC. ("CVCI") wishes to adopt the terms of the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement between CENTURYTEL and WWC License LLC ("WWC") that was approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission as an effective Agreement in the State of Missouri in Case Number TK-2004-0499 (the "Terms"). This letter shall confirm that you have a copy of the Terms. Please note the following with respect to your adoption of the Terms.

By your countersignature on this letter, you hereby represent and commit to the following:

- 1. Except as set forth below, CVCI adopts the Terms of the WWC agreement for Interconnection with CENTURYTEL and in applying the Terms, agrees that CVCI shall be substituted in place of WWC in the Terms wherever appropriate.
- 2. CVCI requests that notice to CVCI as may be required under the Terms shall be provided as follows:

To: Chariton Valley Communication Corp.

Copy to:

Cop

Attn: General Manager 109 Butler Street Macon, MO 63552

Suite 710

660-395-9600 Fax: 660-395-4403 Washington, DC 20002

Bennet & Bennet, PLLC

Attn: Gregory Whiteaker

202-371-1500

10 G Street, NE

Fax: 202-371-1558

CENTURYTEL requests that notice to CENTURYTEL as may be required under the Terms shall be provided as follows:

To: CenturyTel
Attn: Director Carrier Relations
100 CenturyTel Drive
Monroe, LA 71203
(318) 330-6148

Copy: CenturyTel Attn: Director External Affairs 911 North Bishop, Suite C-207 Texarkana, TX 75501 (903) 792-3499

- 3. CVCI represents and warrants that it is licensed to provide Wireless telecommunications service in the State of Missouri, and that its adoption of the Terms will cover services in the State of Missouri only.
- 4. CVCI'S adoption of the WWC Terms shall become effective upon approval of this Agreement by the Missouri Public Service Commission and shall terminate pursuant to the WWC Terms.
- 5. As the Terms are being adopted by you pursuant to your statutory rights under Section 252(i), CENTURYTEL does not provide the Terms to you as either a voluntary or negotiated agreement. The filing and performance by CENTURYTEL of the Terms does not in any way constitute a waiver by CENTURYTEL of any position as to the Terms or a portion thereof, nor does it constitute a waiver by CENTURYTEL of all rights and remedies it may have to seek review of the Terms, or to seek review in any way of any provisions included in these Terms as a result of CVCI's 252(i) election.
- 6. Pursuant to the FCC's ruling in Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-bound Traffic, CC Docket No. 96-98, CC Docket No. 99-68, (April 27, 2001), local exchange carriers may not as of May 15, 2001, opt into an existing Interconnection Agreement with regard to the rates paid for the exchange of ISP-bound traffic.
- 7. The Terms shall be subject to any and all applicable laws, rules, or regulations that subsequently may be prescribed by any federal, state or local governmental authority. To the extent required by any such subsequently prescribed law, rule, or regulation, the Parties agree to modify, in writing, the affected term(s) and condition(s) of this Agreement to bring them into compliance with such law, rule, or regulation.
- 8. CENTURYTEL reserves the right to deny CVCI's adoption and/or application of the Terms, in whole or in part, at any time:
  - (A) when the costs of providing the Terms to CVCI are greater than the costs of providing it to WWC;
  - (B) if the provision of the Terms to CVCI is not technically feasible; and/or to the extent CVCI already has an existing Interconnection Agreement (or existing

- 252(i) adoption) with CENTURYTEL and the Terms were approved before the date of approval of the existing Interconnection Agreement (or the effective date of the existing 252(i) adoption);
- 9. Should CVCI attempt to apply the Terms in a manner that conflicts with the provisions set forth herein, CENTURYTEL reserves its rights to seek appropriate legal and/or equitable relief.

Please indicate your agreement to the provisions of this letter by signing this letter on the space provided below and return it to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

CENTURYTEL	OF MISSOURI, LLC
Lusan	W. Smith
(SIGNATURE)	,
(Print Name)	W. Smith
	Ext. Affairs

Reviewed and countersigned:

CHARITON VALLEY COMMUNICATION CORPORATION, INC.

(SIGNATURE)

WILLIAM BIER (Print Name)

(Print Title)

# OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel of	)	
Missouri, LLC, for Approval of its Interconnection	)	Case No. TK-2004-0499
and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement with	)	
WWC License LLC under 47 U.S.C. § 252.	)	

### ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

This order approves the interconnection agreement executed by the parties and filed by CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC.

On April 1, 2004, CenturyTel filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with WWC License LLC. The Agreement was filed pursuant to Section 252(e)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Agreement would establish a reciprocal compensation interconnection arrangement for terminating local telecommunications traffic that originates on the other party's network. CenturyTel holds a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri.

Although WWC License is a party to the Agreement, it did not join in the application. On April 7, 2004, the Commission issued an order making WWC License a party in this case and directing any party wishing to request a hearing to do so no later than April 27, 2004. No requests for hearing were filed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 251, et seq.

The Staff of the Commission filed a memorandum and recommendation on May 3, 2004, recommending that the Agreement be approved.

### Discussion

Under Section 252(e) of the Act, any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation must be submitted to the Commission for approval. The Commission may reject an agreement if it finds that the agreement is discriminatory or that it is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

The Staff memorandum recommends that the Agreement be approved and notes that the Agreement meets the limited requirements of the Act in that it is not discriminatory toward nonparties and is not against the public interest. Staff recommends that the Commission direct the parties to submit any further modifications or amendments to the Commission for approval.

### **Findings of Fact**

The Missouri Public Service Commission, having considered all of the competent and substantial evidence upon the whole record, makes the following findings of fact.

The Commission has considered the application, the supporting documentation, and Staff's recommendation. Based upon that review, the Commission concludes that the Agreement meets the requirements of the Act in that it does not discriminate against a nonparty carrier and implementation of the Agreement is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. The Commission finds that approval of the Agreement should be conditioned upon the parties submitting any modifications or amendments to the Commission for approval pursuant to the procedure set out below.

### **Modification Procedure**

The Commission has a duty to review all interconnection agreements, whether arrived at through negotiation or arbitration, as mandated by the Act.<sup>2</sup> In order for the Commission's role of review and approval to be effective, the Commission must also review and approve or recognize modifications to these agreements. The Commission has a further duty to make a copy of every interconnection agreement available for public inspection.<sup>3</sup> This duty is in keeping with the Commission's practice under its own rules of requiring telecommunications companies to keep their rate schedules on file with the Commission.<sup>4</sup>

The parties to each interconnection agreement must maintain a complete and current copy of the agreement, together with all modifications, in the Commission's offices. Any proposed modification must be submitted for Commission approval or recognition, whether the modification arises through negotiation, arbitration, or by means of alternative dispute resolution procedures.

Modifications to an agreement must be submitted to the Staff for review. When approved or recognized, the modified pages will be substituted in the agreement, which should contain the number of the page being replaced in the lower right-hand corner. Staff will date-stamp the pages when they are inserted into the agreement. The official record of the original agreement and all the modifications made will be maintained in the Commission's Data Center.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252(h).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 4 CSR 240-3.545.

The Commission does not intend to conduct a full proceeding each time the parties agree to a modification. Where a proposed modification is identical to a provision that has been approved by the Commission in another agreement, the Commission will take notice of the modification once Staff has verified that the provision is an approved provision and has prepared a recommendation. Where a proposed modification is not contained in another approved agreement, Staff will review the modification and its effects and prepare a recommendation advising the Commission whether the modification should be approved. The Commission may approve the modification based on the Staff recommendation. If the Commission chooses not to approve the modification, the Commission will establish a case, give notice to interested parties and permit responses. The Commission may conduct a hearing if it is deemed necessary.

### **Conclusions of Law**

The Missouri Public Service Commission has arrived at the following conclusions of law.

The Commission, under the provisions of Section 252(e)(1) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996,<sup>5</sup> is required to review negotiated interconnection agreements. It may only reject a negotiated agreement upon a finding that its implementation would be discriminatory to a nonparty or inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.<sup>6</sup> Based upon its review of the Agreement between CenturyTel and WWC License and its findings of fact, the Commission concludes that the Agreement is neither discriminatory nor inconsistent with the public interest and should be approved.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A).

The Commission notes that prior to providing telecommunications services in Missouri, a party shall possess the following: (1) an interconnection agreement approved by the Commission; (2) except for wireless providers, a certificate of service authority from the Commission to provide interexchange or basic local telecommunications services; and (3) except for wireless providers, a tariff approved by the Commission.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- That the interconnection agreement between CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC,
   and WWC License LLC, filed on April 1, 2004, is approved.
- That any changes or modifications to this agreement shall be filed with the Commission pursuant to the procedure outlined in this order.
  - 3. That this order shall become effective on May 21, 2004.
  - 4. That this case may be closed on May 22, 2004.

### BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 11th day of May, 2004.