

In the Matter of an Investigation into the)
Effects of the Bankruptcy of Telecommunications) **Case No. TW-2003-0063**
Carriers in the State of Missouri.)

COMES NOW CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (“CenturyTel”), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075 and the Commission’s Order Directing Notice issued in this matter on October 4, 2002, and respectfully files its Application for Limited Intervention¹ (“Application”) in this proceeding. In support of its Application, CenturyTel states as follows:

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2. CenturyTel is a Louisiana limited liability corporation that is duly authorized to do business in the state of Missouri. Copies of CenturyTel's Certificate of Authority to transact business in Missouri from the Missouri Secretary of State were filed in Case No. TM-2002-232, *In the Matter of the Joint Application of GTE Midwest, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Midwest and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC for 1) Authority to Transfer and*

¹ At page 2 of the Commission's Order Directing Notice, the Commission stated: "Because the bankrupt carriers interact with other Missouri carriers and their customers, who consequently possess information important to the Commission in this proceeding, the Commission will direct notice to all Missouri-certificated telecommunications carriers in order to elicit the participation of other carriers. Participation shall be in the nature of the status formerly known as 'participation without intervention' in Commission proceedings." Accordingly, CenturyTel has designated the relief requested herein as "limited intervention" status, and agrees to the same rights and limitations afforded other participating carriers.

Acquire Part of Verizon Midwest's Franchise, Facilities and System Located in the State of Missouri; 2) *For Issuance of Certificate of Service Authority to CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC;* 3) *To Designate CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC as Subject to Regulation as a Price Cap Company;* and 4) *To Designate CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC as a Telecommunications Carrier Eligible to Receive Federal Universal Service Support,* and are incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G). Pursuant to the Commission's *Report and Order* issued in Case No. TM-2002-232, CenturyTel provides basic local and interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri. All correspondence, communications, and orders and decisions of the Commission issued in this matter should be sent to:

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3. CenturyTel has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of the Application. No Missouri annual reports or assessment fees are overdue.

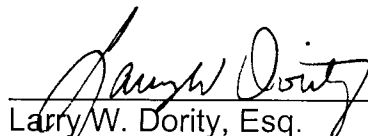
4. As reflected in the Commission's Order Directing Notice, Missouri telecommunications carriers, such as CenturyTel, and their customers interact with the bankrupt carriers and, as a result, CenturyTel's interests are different from that of the general public. Granting CenturyTel's application will serve the public interest. As the

Commission "opened this case to monitor the status of bankrupt telecommunications carriers, including WorldCom and its subsidiaries²," CenturyTel is unsure of the position it will take in this proceeding at this time.

5. Ordered Paragraph No. 3 of the Commission's Order Directing Notice provides in part: "That any party wishing to participate in this matter shall file an application no later than November 4, 2002 . . ." CenturyTel's application is timely filed in accordance with said order.

WHEREFORE, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC prays that the Commission grant its application and permit its participation in this proceeding, and for such other and further relief as the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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² Order Directing Notice, p. 2.

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 29th day of October, 2002, to:

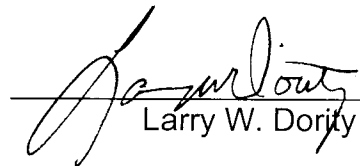
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