

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Cancellation of the Certificate     )  
Of Service Authority Granted to Embarq Payphone     )  
Services, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Public             )  
Communications, Inc.                                     )  
**File No. PD-2021-0123**

## ORDER CANCELING PAYPHONE CERTIFICATE

Issue Date: November 10, 2020

Effective Date: December 10, 2020

On October 30, 2020, the Commission's Staff filed a motion asking the Commission to cancel the certificate to provide payphone service granted to Sprint Payphone Services, Inc., the predecessor of Embarq Payphone Services, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Public Communications, Inc. (CenturyLink) in File No. TA-98-246, on January 5, 1998.

Staff states in its motion that CenturyLink notified Staff on October 24, 2020, that it wished to relinquish its certificate to provide private payphone service in Missouri. Staff indicates CenturyLink's request to cancel its Certificate is in compliance with Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-28.011(3), and asks the Commission to cancel that Certificate.

On October 30, 2020, the Commission issued an *Order Establishing Time to Respond* allowing parties until November 9, to object or to request a hearing. No objections or requests for a hearing were filed.

The Commission has the authority to cancel a certificate pursuant to Section 392.410.5, RSMo, which states, in part, "[a]ny certificate of service authority may be

altered or modified by the commission after notice and hearing, upon its own motion or upon application of the person or company affected.”

Based on the company’s request and Staff’s motion, the Commission finds that the certificate to provide private payphone service granted to CenturyLink shall be canceled.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The certificate to provide private payphone services granted to Sprint Payphone Services, Inc., the predecessor of Embarq Payphone Services, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Public Communications, Inc., in File Number TA-98-246, is canceled.
2. This order shall become effective on December 10, 2020.
3. This file may be closed on December 11, 2020.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri  
on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,  
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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***Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).***

***Sincerely,***

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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