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Issues:

•Purchase of Verizon
Assets
•Certificate of Service
Authority
•Eligible
Telecommunication
Carrier Status
•Determination of Price
Cap Status
•Interconnection
Agreements

Witness: Kenneth M. Matzdorff
Type of Exhibit: Direct Testimony
Sponsoring Party: CenturyTel of Missouri,
LLC

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DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

KENNETH M. MATZDORFF

ON BEHALF OF
CENTURYTEL OF MISSOURI, LLC

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

In the matter of the Joint Application of GTE)
Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest)
and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC for 1))
authority to transfer and acquire part of Verizon)
Midwest's franchise, facilities or system located)
in the State of Missouri; 2) for issuance of)
certificates 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.)

Case No. TM-2002-232

County of Kirks)

State of Missouri)

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AFFIDAVIT OF KENNETH MATZDORFF

Kenneth Matzdorff, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the witness who sponsors the accompanying testimony entitled "Direct Testimony of Kenneth Matzdorff;" that said testimony was prepared by him and under his direction and supervision; that if inquiries were made as to the facts in said testimony and schedules, he would respond as therein set forth; and that the aforesaid testimony is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

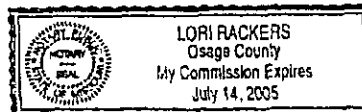
Kenneth Matzdorff
Kenneth Matzdorff

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of February, 2002.

Lori Rackers
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

7/14/05



1 customer service representative. CenturyTel is working toward a web-
2 based solution that should allow for automation to the interconnecting
3 companies. We anticipate this functionality to be available within nine
4 months of the expected close date of the transaction.

5 In any event, it is not expected that this, or any other such deviation, will
6 have a material impact on the interconnection/resale arrangements. As
7 with the above-detected issue, a suitable procedure will be adopted in any
8 other instance where a technical issue arises to ensure a performance
9 level comparable to that offered by Verizon.

10 Q. Would you please summarize your testimony?

11 A. Yes, not only will the sale of the assets not be detrimental to the public, it
12 will be in the public interest. CenturyTel has the financial and operational
13 expertise to own and operate the properties. In fact, the transfer will be a
14 positive step because it matches a company that understands the rural
15 nature of these exchanges with the customers to be served. CenturyTel
16 has demonstrated its ability to operate newly-acquired properties through
17 its acquisition of similar properties in Missouri in 2000. The transfer of
18 these properties will accelerate the introduction of new products and
19 services. The transfer will effectuate the creation of jobs in Missouri and
20 will place a management team closer to the customer. CenturyTel has
21 committed to adopt Verizon's existing tariffs in all material ways so as to
22 make the transfer seamless to the customer. These benefits demonstrate
23 that the transaction is in the public interest and therefore should be