BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of the Tariffs to Reduce Access |) | |
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| Rates of Local Telecommunications Companies |) | File No. TT-2012-0317 |
| Pursuant to Federal Communications Commission |) | |
| Report and Order FCC 11-161 |) | |

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO ENTER APPEARANCE

COMES NOW Susan S. Masterton, Senior Corporate Counsel with CenturyLink, pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") Rule 4 C.S.R. 240-2.040(3)(C) and Missouri Supreme Court Rules 6.01(m) and 9.03 and respectfully petitions the Commission to permit Petitioner to appear and represent CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink, in addition to other local counsel, in this matter. In support of this petition, Petitioner states and certifies as follows:

- Susan S. Masterton is an attorney employed by CenturyLink, 315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 500, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-8172. Ms. Masterton is a member in good standing of the bar and the courts of the State of Florida (FL Bar No. 0494224).
 Ms. Masterton has not been disqualified from practicing in any court.
- 2. Attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A is a copy of the receipt issued by the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Missouri acknowledging receipt of the \$305 fee required by Rule 6.01(m) for Petitioner to appear for the above-referenced parties in connection with this proceeding.

3. Petitioner hereby designates Becky Owenson Kilpatrick (MO Bar No. 42042), CenturyLink, 319 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101, as associate counsel for purposes of this petition and by her signature, she accepts such designation. Ms. Kilpatrick already has entered her appearance in this matter.

Dated: May 8, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion was serviced by facsimile, hand-delivery, or electronic mail, on the 8th day of May, 2012, on the following:

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