

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Adoption of the CenturyTel	)	
of Missouri, LLC / CD Telecommunications, LLC	)	
Interconnection Agreement by Ozark Telecom,	)	
LLC , and the Approval of the First Addendum to	)	<u>Case No. IK-2007-0083</u>
Interconnection Agreement Between CenturyTel	)	
of Missouri, LLC, and Ozark Telecom, LLC,	)	
pursuant to Sections 252(e) and 252(i) of the	)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996.	)	

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND MAKING
OZARK TELECOM, LLC, A PARTY

Issue Date: August 29, 2006

Effective Date: August 29, 2006

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties and joins the other party to the interconnection agreement, Ozark Telecom, LLC, as a party to this proceeding.

On August 23, 2006, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC filed a Notice of Adoption of Interconnection Agreement, notifying the Commission that Ozark desires to adopt the terms of the interconnection agreement between CD Telecommunications, LLC, and CenturyTel pursuant to Section 252(i) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The agreement between CD Telecommunications and CenturyTel was approved by the Commission in Case No. TK-2006-0126. CenturyTel also requested approval of the accompanying First Addendum to Interconnection Agreement between CenturyTel and Ozark.

Although Ozark is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Ozark is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add it as a party to this case.

The Act provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹ The Act provides further that a local exchange carrier “shall make available any interconnection, services, or network element provided under an agreement . . . to which it is a party to any other requesting telecommunications carrier upon the same terms and conditions as those provided in the agreement.”² This provision has been interpreted as permitting any carrier to adopt any interconnection agreement previously entered into by any local exchange carrier with any other carrier. The Federal Communications Commission has adopted 47 C.F.R. Section 51.809 (Rule 809), referred to as the “pick-and-choose” rule, to implement Section 252(i). Rule 809 requires an incumbent local exchange company to make available to any requesting telecommunications carrier “any individual interconnection, service or network element arrangement contained in any agreement to which it is a party that is approved by a state commission pursuant to section 252 of the Act. . . .”

The Commission finds that proper persons shall be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing.

Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously.

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

² 47 U.S.C. § 252(i).

The Commission finds that notice of this case shall be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

2. Ozark Telecom, LLC, is made a party to this case.

3. Any party wishing to request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than September 18, 2006, with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and send copies to:

Larry W. Dority, Esq.
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Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
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Ozark Telecom, LLC
ATTN: John Noakes
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West Plains, Missouri 65775

and:

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than September 28, 2006.

5. This order shall become effective on August 29, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of August, 2006.