

**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 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.)

Case No. IK-2007-0083

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation respectfully states:

1. In a pleading filed on August 23, 2006, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (CenturyTel) requests the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) to (1) recognize the adoption by Ozark Telecom, LLC of the previously approved interconnection agreement between CenturyTel and CD Telecommunications, LLC and (2) to approve an amendment, titled First Addendum to Interconnection Agreement, between CenturyTel and Ozark Telecom to that interconnection agreement.

2. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, Staff states that it has reviewed that the Notice of Adoption and finds that the Notice fulfils the requirements of 4 C.S.R. 240-3.513(4) because it states that the Adopted Agreement was previously approved in Case No. TK-2006-0126 and it includes a signature page signed by both parties to the adoption. Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides that “[a] local exchange carrier shall make available any interconnection, service, or network element provided under an

agreement approved under this section to which it is a party to any other requesting telecommunications carrier upon the same terms and conditions as those provided in the agreement.” 47 U.S.C. § 252(i).

3. The Staff also states that the proposed Amendment between CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, and Ozark Telecom, LLC meets the standards set forth in Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. § 252 (e)) in that the Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the Agreement and is not against the public interest, convenience, or necessity.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission recognize the adoption of the interconnection agreement, approve the proposed amendment, and direct the parties to submit any modifications or amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 26th day of September 2006.

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