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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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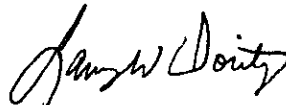
RE: In the matter of the Joint Application of Digital Teleport, Inc. and CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC for 1) authority to transfer and acquire Digital Teleport, Inc.'s franchise, facilities or system located in the State of Missouri; (2) for issuance of certificates of service authority to CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC; and (3) to classify CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC as a competitive telecommunications company.
Case No. _____

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Digital Teleport, Inc. and CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Joint Application, and an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion for Expedited Treatment.

Thank you for bringing this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Sincerely,



Larry W. DORITY

Enclosure

cc: Office of the Public Counsel
General Counsel

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MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

COME NOW Digital Teleport, Inc. ("DTP") and CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC ("CTF II") (collectively "Joint Applicants"), through their undersigned counsel, and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(16) respectfully request expedited treatment in the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") review and approval of the Joint Application filed in this matter concurrently herewith. In support of their Motion, Joint Applicants respectfully state:

1. As specifically set forth in the Joint Application filed in this matter (the allegations and statements contained in the Joint Application are incorporated herein by reference), Joint Applicants respectfully request that the Commission act expeditiously to grant the authority and relief requested in the Joint Application as soon as practicable, but **to be effective no later than May 31, 2003.**

2. Whereas DTI is in the process of terminating its operations through a Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding, CTF II is acquiring the core domestic telecommunications assets of DTI, including the related operations of DTI in Missouri

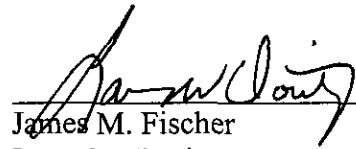
(the "Transaction"). In order to complete the Transaction, CTF II entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with DTI for the sale of substantially all of the assets utilized by DTI to operate its domestic telecommunications business, as well as the assignment of certain contracts and leases. The Asset Purchase Agreement, and the sale of assets to CTF II, were approved by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri on February 13, 2003, in Chapter 11 Case No. 01-54369-399 (Bankr. E.D. Mo.).

3. According to the terms of the court-approved Asset Purchase Agreement, all required regulatory approvals must be received for the assignment of assets from DTI to CTF II and the assumption by CTF II of DTI's business and operations before the Transaction can close. The benefits that will accrue if the commission acts by the date desired by the parties include assuring the orderly transfer of the assets and the continued provision of service to DTI customers, as well as to allow for the transition process necessary to avoid disruption of service that would otherwise occur. Regarding the harm that will be avoided if the Commission acts as requested, failure to obtain the required regulatory approvals in a timely manner could endanger the Transaction, in which case DTI may be forced to suspend operations and its customers could suffer a precipitous disruption of service. There will be no negative effect on the parties' customers or the general public if the commission acts by the date desired by the parties.

4. Joint Applicants respectfully state that this pleading was filed as soon as it could have been. Requests for approvals from the Federal Communications Commission and fourteen (14) state public utility authorities are being coordinated by the Joint Applicants, in conformance with the court-approved Asset Purchase Agreement.

WHEREFORE, Digital Teleport, Inc. and CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC respectfully request the Commission to grant their Motion for Expedited Treatment and to grant the authority and relief requested in the Joint Application as soon as practicable, but to be effective no later than May 31, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: April 7, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, transmitted by e-mail or mailed, First Class, postage prepaid, this 7th day of April, 2003, to:

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