

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

In the Matter of CenturyTel of Missouri,	)	Case No. _____
L.L.C.'s Annual Price Cap Filing for	)	Tariff File No. JI-2006-0076
Basic Local Services.	)	

MOTION TO SUSPEND TARIFF FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its Motion to Suspend Tariff Filing states:

1. On August 1, 2005, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC ("CenturyTel") filed revised tariff sheets (Tariff File Nos. JI-2006-0076, JI-2006-0077 and JI-2006-0078) with the Commission constituting CenturyTel's annual price cap filing. CenturyTel states that the tariff revisions propose making rate changes to basic local service, exchange access, and non-basic service rates. CenturyTel also states that an integral part of the tariff filing and the proposed rate changes include tariff revisions to implement new expanded calling scopes, as proposed by CenturyTel and the Office of the Public Counsel in Case No. TO-2003-0257, *In the Matter of the Request from Customers in the Rockaway Beach Exchange for an Expanded Calling Scope to Make Toll-Free Calls to Branson*. This motion addresses only Tariff File No. JI-2006-0076, CenturyTel's proposed rate changes for basic local service.¹

2. In Case No. TO-2003-0257, CenturyTel and OPC filed a Stipulation and Agreement ("Stipulation") on August 1, 2005, stipulating and agreeing to a proposed expanded calling plan. To effectuate the plan, the OPC and CenturyTel agreed upon a partial funding mechanism accomplished through using a portion of the revenues represented by the annual

¹ CenturyTel's tariff revision filing are attached as Attachments A, B and C. 4 CSR 240-2.065(3).

change in the telephone service component of the Consumer Price Index (“CPI-TS”) to offset a portion of the cost associated with adopting the expanded calling plan. CenturyTel’s Tariff File No. JI-2006-0076 attempts to incorporate the plan agreed to by OPC and CenturyTel. The Staff moves to suspend the tariff filing for the following reasons.

3. Under Section 392.245 RSMo 2000, price cap regulated carriers are required to annually adjust their maximum allowable prices for basic local service and exchange access service. The Staff’s interpretation of the price cap statute is that the Stipulation and tariff revisions propose an unlawful solution to the expanded calling scope petition by proposing to use the annual price cap adjustment in a manner that is inconsistent with Section 392.245 RSMo 2000.

Section 392.245.4 states in relevant part:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections 8 and 9 of this section and section 392.248, the maximum allowable prices for exchange access and basic local telecommunications services of a large, incumbent local exchange telecommunications company regulated under this section shall not be changed prior to January 1, 2000. Thereafter, the maximum allowable prices for exchange access and basic local telecommunications services of an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company shall be annually changed by one of the following methods:

(a) By the change in the telephone service component of the Consumer Price Index (CPI-TS), as published by the United States Department of Commerce or its successor agency for the preceding twelve months; or

(b) Upon request by the company and approval by the commission, by the change in the Gross Domestic Product Price Index (GDP-PI), as published by the United States Department of Commerce or its successor agency for the preceding twelve months, minus the productivity offset established for telecommunications service by the Federal Communication Commission and adjusted for exogenous factors;

(2) The commission shall approve a change to a maximum allowable price filed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision (1) of this subsection within forth-five days of filing notice by the local exchange telecommunications company. An incumbent local exchange company shall file a tariff to reduce the rates charged for any service

in any case in which the current rate exceeds the maximum allowable price established under this subsection.

The Stipulation proposes that CenturyTel will elect to use the first method, the annual change in the CPI-TS, to satisfy the requirements of the statute. However, the Stipulation proposes to utilize a portion of the revenues represented by what would be a reduction in all basic local rates to offset a portion of the revenue requirement necessary to effectuate the proposed expanded calling plan.

4. The Staff interprets Section 392.245 RSMo to require carriers to make the adjustment to the maximum allowable price for all basic local services. For the preceding twelve months, the telephone service component of the CPI-TS decreased by 2.1021%. Under the Stipulation and proposed tariff revisions, CenturyTel's basic local customers would not receive an adjustment equal to the change to the CPI-TS. Instead of making a 2.1021% adjustment to the basic local rates of all CenturyTel customers, the Stipulation and proposed tariff revisions would funnel a portion of the benefits to customers in Rockaway Beach, Forsyth, Kimberling City, and Reeds Spring exchanges. Customers in most exchanges would see a reduction of 0.7668% in basic local rates. This appears to be inconsistent with the language of Section 392.245.4(1), which states that the maximum allowable prices for basic local and exchange access "shall be annually changed by one of the following methods." The Stipulation and proposed tariff revisions also appear to be inconsistent with Section 392.245.4(2), which requires price cap regulated carriers to file tariffs to reduce the rates charged "for any service in any case in which the current rate exceeds the maximum allowable price."

5. In addition to the Staff's concerns that the tariff revisions propose an unlawful solution to the expanded calling petition, the Staff has additional concerns regarding the reasonableness of the Stipulation and proposed tariff revisions. In the attached Memorandum,

which has been labeled Attachment D, the Staff recommends suspension of Tariff File No. JI-2006-0076. The Staff is concerned with the omission of the Forsyth, Kimberling City and Reeds Spring exchanges from having expanded calling to the Branson exchange. The proposed expanded calling plan would provide expanded toll-free calling from Rockaway Beach to Branson, while the Forsyth, Kimberling City and Reeds Springs exchanges would not receive expanded toll-free calling into the Branson exchange. Furthermore, in the event the Commission believes the expanded calling proposal is a lawful and appropriate solution to the expanded calling petition, the Staff believes the entire CPI-TS reduction should be used to provide expanded calling, rather than using only a portion of the CPI-TS reduction for expanded calling while using the remainder of the CPI-TS reduction to implement a small rate reduction for all of CenturyTel's customers. The Staff suggests that the Commission need only address these reasonableness concerns if the Commission first determines that the proposed tariff filing and its use of the CPI-TS reduction is lawful.

6. The Commission's authority to suspend a tariff and to hold a hearing concerning its propriety is found under Section 392.230.3 RSMo 2000.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order that either rejects the instant tariff filing as unlawful, or if the Commission first determines that the instant tariff filing is lawful, the Staff requests that the Commission issue an order that suspends the instant tariff filing for a hearing concerning its propriety.

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 10th day of August 2005.

/s/ Marc Poston



VIA EFIS

August 1, 2005

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

RE: CENTURYTEL OF MISSOURI, LLC
Annual Price Cap Tariff Filing
File No. _____

Dear Ms. Dale;

CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC ("CenturyTel") respectfully submits for filing with the Commission the enclosed revised tariff sheets constituting its annual price cap¹ filing, which includes tariff revisions proposing to make rate changes to basic local service, exchange access, and non-basic service rates. An integral part of this tariff filing and these proposed rate changes include tariff revisions required to implement new expanded calling scopes, as advocated by the Office of the Public Counsel and CenturyTel in resolution of Case No. TO-2003-0257 and more fully described below. Please note that the tariff sheets enclosed herewith reflect 30-day tariff effective dates, in accordance with the Commission's Order Granting Joint Application for Variance and Granting Motion for Expedited Treatment issued July 14, 2005 in Case No. TO-2006-0015.

Enclosed for filing on behalf of CenturyTel please find the following revised tariff sheets:

PSC MO. NO. 1	General and Local Exchange Tariff
Section 4	2nd Revised Sheet 6, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 6 2nd Revised Sheet 7, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 7 2nd Revised Sheet 8, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 8 2nd Revised Sheet 9, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 9 2nd Revised Sheet 10, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 10 3rd Revised Sheet 11, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 11 2nd Revised Sheet 12, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 12 3rd Revised Sheet 13, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 13 2nd Revised Sheet 14, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 14 2nd Revised Sheet 15, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 15 3rd Revised Sheet 17, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 17 3rd Revised Sheet 18, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 18
Section 5	3rd Revised Sheet 4, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 4
Section 6	3rd Revised Sheet 13, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 13 3rd Revised Sheet 14, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 14

¹ TM-2002-232; 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 Certificate 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. Report and Order (issued May 21, 2002).

3rd Revised Sheet 15, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 15
3rd Revised Sheet 16, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 16
3rd Revised Sheet 17, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 17
3rd Revised Sheet 18, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 18
3rd Revised Sheet 18.1, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 18.1
3rd Revised Sheet 18.2, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 18.2
4th Revised Sheet 19.4, Cancels 3rd Revised Sheet 19.4

Section 7 1st Revised Sheet 24.4, Cancels Original Sheet 24.4
2nd Revised Sheet 94, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 94
1st Revised Sheet 97, Cancels Original Sheet 97
1st Revised Sheet 98, Cancels Original Sheet 98

Section 9 3rd Revised Sheet 3, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 3
3rd Revised Sheet 3.3, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 3.3
3rd Revised Sheet 3.5, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 3.5
3rd Revised Sheet 7, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 7
3rd Revised Sheet 11, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 11

PSC MO. NO. 2 Facilities for Intrastate Access

2nd Revised Sheet 151, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 151
2nd Revised Sheet 152, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 152
1st Revised Sheet 152.1, Cancels Original Sheet 152.1
1st Revised Sheet 152.2, Cancels Original Sheet 152.2
2nd Revised Sheet 153, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 153
1st Revised Sheet 205, Cancels Original Sheet 205
1st Revised Sheet 215, Cancels Original Sheet 215
1st Revised Sheet 217, Cancels Original Sheet 217
1st Revised Sheet 219, Cancels Original Sheet 219
1st Revised Sheet 219.1, Cancels Original Sheet 219.1
1st Revised Sheet 219.2, Cancels Original Sheet 219.2
2nd Revised Sheet 313, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 313

PSC MO. NO. 3 Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service

3rd Revised Sheet 24, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet 24
2nd Revised Sheet 27, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 27
2nd Revised Sheet 46, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 46
2nd Revised Sheet 47, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 47
2nd Revised Sheet 50, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 50
2nd Revised Sheet 55, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 55
2nd Revised Sheet 59, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 59

Pursuant to Section 392.245.4(1), the change in the telephone service component of the Consumer Price Index (CPI-TS) was calculated using a twelve-month moving average to arrive at a -2.1021% adjustment (reduction). The enclosed tariff sheets reflect certain basic rates (R1, B1, NRC, expanded calling, access) being reduced. However, such reductions, with the exception of exchange access, are not being made in the amount of the full CPI-TS adjustment. Rather, in accordance with the Stipulation and Agreement being filed this date by the Office of the Public Counsel and CenturyTel in Case No. TO-2003-0257, *In the Matter of the Request from the Customers in the Rockaway Beach Exchange for an Expanded Calling Scope to Make Toll-Free Calls to Branson*, "a portion of the revenues represented by the annual change in the telephone service component of the CPI-TS are utilized [therein], to offset a portion of the revenue requirement necessary to effectuate this expanded calling plan." (Stipulation and Agreement, page 6). "Accordingly, the August 1, 2005 tariff filing being made by CenturyTel to implement its annual price cap changes incorporates this element, as well as the revised tariff changes required to implement the new expanded calling scope as specifically set forth [therein]." (*Id.*) It is important to note that in adopting the proposals advocated by the Office of the Public Counsel and CenturyTel in this filing, the resulting revenue change impacts to CenturyTel are the same.

Revised Tariff PSC MO No. 1, Section 4 Sheets 9, 10, and 13 implement the new expanded calling plan, which can be briefly summarized as follows:

- a) Plan Description: One-way toll-free calling between the following originating and terminating CenturyTel exchanges:
 - Rockaway Beach to Branson
 - Rockaway Beach to Forsyth
 - Forsyth to Rockaway Beach
 - Kimberling City to Reeds Spring
 - Reeds Spring to Kimberling City
- b) Proposed Price and Terms of the New Service:
CenturyTel customers in the above-listed originating exchanges would have one-way unlimited expanded calling to the terminating exchange for a monthly fee in addition to the present local rate. For customers in the Forsyth, Kimberling City and Reeds Spring exchanges, the additional monthly fee is \$2.50. For customers in the Rockaway Beach exchange, the additional monthly fee is \$3.50.
- c) Mandatory Service:
This plan is mandatory for all CenturyTel customers in the above-listed originating exchanges, and the monthly fee is in addition to charges for local service and any other existing EAS charges.

In accordance with Section 392.245.11², certain non-basic rates are being adjusted up to a 5% annual increase. Samples of proposed customer notifications are also included with this filing.

CenturyTel respectfully requests the tariffs be approved with an effective date of September 1, 2005.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 634-8424. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Arthur P. Martinez

Arthur P. Martinez
Director-Government Relations

APM:mjs
Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel

² Section 392.245.11 was amended by Senate Bill 237, reducing the maximum allowable annual increase for non-basic services from eight (8) to five (5) percent. This legislation was signed by the Governor on July 14, 2005, and is effective August 28, 2005.

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EMBARGO UNTIL NOTIFIED BY CENTURYTEL JEFFERSON CITY OFFICE. (10 DAY NOTIFICATION PERIOD)

CO/State	Description
T804-T807 / MO	CTL of MO Price Cap Notice Requested by: Regulatory

CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC

Some of your phone charges will change on September 1, 2005

Services that will cost less:

- Basic residence and single line business service – down 0.7668%.
- Non-Recurring services such as Initial, Subsequent, Line Connection and Restoral charges – down 0.7668%.

Services that will increase:

- Non-basic services such as key systems, PBX, 3-Way calling, Call Waiting, and Call Forwarding –will increase no more than 5% a month.
- Various Directory Assistance and Operator services will increase no more than 5% a month. This includes services such as 0+ Calling Card calls (direct dialed), Local and National Directory Assistance, non-published /non-list services, additional/miscellaneous listings, collect calling, and person-to-person calling.
- Rates for direct dialed basic toll service will increase no more than 5% a month. The new per minute rate for day is 24 cents. Basic toll rates vary based upon the distance of the call and range from 8 cents to 24 cents per initial minute.
- Rates for the following toll calling plans will increase no more than 5% a month: Out State Calling Area Plans, Spectra Block-Of-Time, Discount Calling Plans I and II, Extended Exchange Calling Plan and Simple Choice packages.

If you have questions or need any additional information, please call your CenturyTel Customer Contact Center at the number found on this bill.

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- The day per minute rate for direct dialed basic toll service will increase a penny to 21 cents. Basic toll rates vary based upon the distance of the call and range from 8 cents to 21 cents per initial minute.
- Rates for the following toll calling plans will increase no more than 5%: Out State Calling Area Plans, Spectra Block-Of-Time, Discount Calling Plans I and II, Extended Exchange Calling Plan and Simple Choice packages.

Also, the rate group classification for the exchange of Hermann has been revised. This change is due to a decrease in the number of customers served in this exchange. Effective September 1, 2005, basic local service rates for Hermann will be as follows:

	Current	New
Hermann residential	\$10.09	\$ 9.53
Hermann business	\$17.29	\$16.19

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact your CenturyTel Customer Contact Center at the number listed on the front of this bill.

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**EMBARGO UNTIL NOTIFIED BY CENTURYTEL JEFFERSON CITY OFFICE.
(10 DAY NOTIFICATION PERIOD)**

Dear CenturyTel Customer:

CenturyTel has received approval from the Missouri Public Service Commission to implement expanded calling scopes in your area. This plan provides one-way toll-free calling between the following originating and terminating CenturyTel exchanges:

Rockaway Beach	to	Branson and Forsyth
Forsyth	to	Rockaway Beach
Kimberling City	to	Reeds Spring
Reeds Spring	to	Kimberling City

An increase in your basic local service rate of \$2.50 per line for the Forsyth, Kimberling City and Reeds Spring exchanges and \$3.50 per line for the Rockaway Beach exchange will be included on your monthly bill beginning with the next billing cycle. This rate increase helps cover the costs of implementing the expanded calling plan.

If you have any questions concerning your new calling area, please contact the Customer Contact Center at 1-800-201-4099 (residential) or 1-800-201-4102 (business).

GENERAL AND LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFFLOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

G. Local Exchange Listings

1. Exchange Listings (Includes EAS Points, EAS Rate Component, Rate Schedule and Rate Group)

<u>Exchange Name</u>	<u>EAS Points</u>	<u>EAS Rate Component</u>		<u>Rate Sch./Group</u>
		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
Alton	Thomasville	\$ 1.70 (R)	1.70 (R)	A-2
Ashland	Columbia	2.69 (R)	1.47 (R)	A-3
Augusta	-	-	-	Metro
Ava	-	-	-	A-3
Belle	-	-	-	A-2
Bland	-	-	-	A-1
Blue Eye	-	-	-	A-3
Bourbon	-	-	-	A-2
Bradleyville	Forsyth	.70 (R)	.70 (R)	A-1
Branson	Branson West	1.55 (R)	1.55 (R)	A-5
Branson West	Branson	2.52 (R)	2.52 (R)	A-3

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		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
Buffalo	-	-	-	A-3
Cabool	-	-	-	A-2
Cape Fair	-	-	-	A-2
Cassville	Exeter, Jenkins, Mano, Washburn	2.74 (R)	2.74 (R)	A-3
Caulfield	Gainesville	2.94 (R)	2.94 (R)	A-2
Cedar Creek	Forsyth	.70 (R)	.70 (R)	A-1
Centralia	Clark, Sturgeon	.51 (R)	.28 (R)	A-3
Chamois	-	-	-	A-1
Clark	Centralia, Sturgeon	3.36 (R)	1.80 (R)	A-1
Columbia	Ashland, Hallsville, Rocheport	.28 (R)	.13 (R)	A-5
Conway	-	-	-	A-2

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		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
Crane	-	-	-	A-2
Cross Timbers	-	-	-	A-1
Cuba	-	-	-	A-3
Dardenne/ Lake St. Louis	-	-	-	Metro
Defiance	-	-	-	Metro
Dora	Gainesville	3.46 (R)	3.46 (R)	A-1
Elkland	Marshfield	1.80 (R)	1.80 (R)	A-1
Exeter	Cassville, Washburn	3.46 (R)	3.46 (R)	A-1

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		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>		
Foley	Old Monroe, Winfield	3.27 (R)	3.27 (R)	A-1	
Fordland	-	-	-	A-2	
Foristell	Wright City	.94 (R)	.94 (R)	Metro	
Forsyth	Bradleyville, Cedar Creek, Protem				
	Rockaway Beach	4.15 (I)	4.15 (I)	A-3	(C)
Gainesville	Caulfield, Dora, Theodosia, Wasola	3.46 (R)	3.46 (R)	A-2	
Galena	-	-	-	A-2	
Hallsville	Columbia	3.51 (R)	1.89 (R)	A-2	
Hawk Point	Troy	3.46 (R)	3.46 (R)	A-1	

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		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>		
Hermann	-	-	-	A-2	(C)
Hermitage	-	-	-	A-2	
High Hill	-	-	-	A-1	
Highlandville	Ozark	\$2.52 (R)	\$2.52 (R)	A-2	
Holstein	-	-	-	A-1	(C)
Hurley	-	-	-	A-1	
Jamestown	-	-	-	A-1	
Jenkins	Cassville	3.46 (R)	3.46 (R)	A-1	
Jonesburg	-	-	-	A-2	(C)
Kimberling City	Reeds Spring	2.50 (N)	2.50 (N)	A-3	
Koshkonong	Thayer	2.98 (R)	2.98 (R)	A-1	

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		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
Leasburg	-	-	-	A-1
Louisburg	-	-	-	A-1
Mano	Cassville	3.46 (R)	3.46 (R)	A-2
Mansfield	-	-	-	A-2
Marshfield	Elkland	.84 (R)	.84 (R)	A-4
Marthasville	-	-	-	A-2
Morrison	-	-	-	A-1
Moscow Mills	Troy	3.46 (R)	3.46 (R)	A-2
Mount Sterling	-	-	-	A-1
Mtn. View	-	-	-	A-3

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		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
New Melle	-	-	-	Metro
Niangua	-	-	-	A-1
O'Fallon	-	-	-	Metro
Old Monroe	Foley, Winfield	\$3.13 (R)	\$3.13 (R)	A-1
Ozark	Highlandville	2.03 (R)	2.03 (R)	A-4
Pittsburg	-	-	-	A-1
Prairie Home	-	-	-	A-1
Preston	-	-	-	A-1
Protem	Forsyth	.70 (R)	.70 (R)	A-1

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		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>		
Reeds Spring	Kimberly City	2.50 (N)	2.50 (N)	A-2	(C)
Rocheport	Columbia	5.84 (R)	3.18 (R)	A-1	
Rockaway Beach	Branson, Forsyth	3.50 (N)	3.50 (N)	A-2	(C)
St. James	Safe	.08 (R)	.08 (R)	A-3	
St. Peters	Harvester	.94 (R)	.94 (R)	Metro	
Safe	St. James	.70 (R)	.70 (R)	A-1	
Seymour	-	-	-	A-2	
Shell Knob	-	-	-	A-3	

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		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
Sparta	-	-	-	A-2
Sturgeon	Centralia, Clark	\$1.85 (R)	\$.99 (R)	A-1
Summersville	-	-	-	A-2
Thayer	Koshkonong, Mammoth Springs, AR	2.23 (R)	2.23 (R)	A-2
Theodosia	Gainesville, Wasola	3.46 (R)	3.46 (R)	A-2
Thomasville	Alton	3.03 (R)	3.03 (R)	A-1
Troy	Hawk Point, Moscow Mills	2.37 (R)	2.37 (R)	A-4
Truxton	-	-	-	A-1
Urbana	-	-	-	A-2
Vichy	-	-	-	A-1

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		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
Warrenton	-	-	-	A-4
Washburn	Cassville, Exeter	3.46 (R)	3.46 (R)	A-1
Wasola	Gainesville, Theodosia	3.46 (R)	3.46 (R)	A-1
Wentzville	-	-	-	Metro
West Plains	-	-	-	A-4
Wheatland	-	-	-	A-2
Willow Springs	-	-	-	A-3
Winfield	Foley, Old Monroe	2.23 (R)	2.23 (R)	A-2
Wooldridge	-	-	-	A-1
Wright City	Foristell	1.80 (R)	1.80 (R)	A-3

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H. Rates (Cont'd)

3. Local Exchange Access Line Monthly Rate Schedule "A": (1)

		<u>ACCESS LINE RATE GROUPS</u>				
		[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
<u>CLASS AND GRADE</u>	<u>GSEC</u>	1-	1,061-	2,901-	7,001-	25,001-
<u>OF SERVICE</u>	<u>IOSC</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>OVER</u>
Business Svcs:						
One-Party	11135	\$15.25	\$16.19	\$17.15	\$18.11	\$19.06 (R)
PBX Trunk	11954	23.19 (I)	24.99 (I)	26.76 (I)	27.19	28.90
Key Line	21706	23.19 (I)	24.99 (I)	26.76 (I)	27.19	28.90
Key Line Hunt	11950	23.19 (I)	24.99 (I)	26.76 (I)	27.19	28.90
Customer Owned						
Pay Tel Svc	COPT	32.99	32.99	32.99	32.99	32.99 (I)
Coin Line Svc	20230/ 20231	38.79	38.79	38.79	38.79	38.79 (I)
Residence Svcs:						
One-Party	14864	9.05	9.53	10.01	10.47	10.95 (R)

- (1) Local Exchange Access Line monthly Rates include Touch Calling Service line appropriate services charges apply. Line Hunting Service (ISOC-05151) is also available at no monthly charge, however, appropriate service charges apply, and the company reserves the right to restrict the combination of classes and grades of service in a hunt group.

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H. Rates (Cont'd)

4. Local Exchange Access Line Monthly Rate **Schedule "M"** (Metro) (1)(2)

<u>CLASS AND GRADE OF SERVICE</u>	<u>GSEC IOSC</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	
Business Services:			
One-Party	11135	\$22.11	(R)
PBX Trunk	11954	43.07	
Key Line	21706	43.07	
Customer Owned Pay Tel Svc	COPT	32.99	(I)
Coin Line Service	20230/ 20231	38.79	(I)
Residence Services:			
One-Party	14864	12.76	(R)

(1) Metro Exchange Areas:

Augusta	Dardenne/Lake St. Louis	New Melle	St. Peters
Defiance	Foristell	O'Fallon	Wentzville

(2) Local Exchange Access Line Monthly Rates include Touch Calling Service. Line Hunting Service (ISOC-05151) is available at no additional monthly charge, however, appropriate services charges apply, and the company reserves the right to restrict the combination of classes and grades of service in a hunt group.

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C. Rates and Charges

		<u>GSEC</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>		
			<u>Business</u>	<u>Residence</u>	
1.	Service Ordering Charge				
a.	Initial	NSOI	\$23.80	\$12.36	(R)
b.	Subsequent	NSOS	8.56	3.79	(R)
2.	Line Connection Charge	NLC	13.32	7.22	(R)
3.	Restoral Charge		21.90	11.03	(R)

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D. Rates and Charges

2. The following rates apply in addition to Service Charges and other rates and charges applicable to the associated individual central office access lines.

		<u>Monthly Rate</u>	
		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>
a.	When provided individually, each service, per line equipped		
1)	Anonymous Call Block	\$1.15 (I)	\$1.15 (I)
2)	Busy Redial *66 per line per activation	6.00 .89** (I)	5.00
3)	Call Return *69 per line per activation	6.00 \$.89** (I)	5.00
4)	Call Block	4.80 (I)	3.60 (I)
5)	Call Forwarding	3.30 (I)	2.70 (I)
6)	Call Forward Busy - Fixed*	1.50 (I)	1.50 (I)
7)	Call Forward No Answer - Fixed*	1.50 (I)	1.50 (I)

* When this service is purchased by an Enhanced Service Provider (ESP) as a service for ESP clients, as described in Section 11 of this Tariff, the service charge is not applicable.

** For those cases where the customer denies knowledge of the per activation service offering and refuses to pay charges, a one time credit will be issued, without question, and access to these services will be blocked at no charge. Per activation access to these services will be blocked at no charge to any customer who requests this treatment

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		<u>Monthly Rate</u>	
		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>
a.	When provided individually, each service, per line equipped (Cont'd)		
8)	Call Forwarding Busy /No Answer-Fixed*	\$1.75 (I)	\$1.75 (I)
9)	Call Forward Busy /No Answer-Variable	3.60 (I)	3.60 (I)
10)	Call Trace *57	4.20 (I)	3.00 (I)
11)	Call Waiting**	5.15 (I)	4.20 (I)
12)	Call Waiting ID ****	0.00	0.00
13)	Caller ID - Number Only	10.50	7.95
14)	Caller ID	11.50	8.50
15)	Camp On/Busy Number Redial***	4.50 (I)	4.50 (I)

* When this service is purchased by an Enhanced Service Provider (ESP) as a service for ESP clients, as described in Section 11 of this Tariff, the service charge is not applicable.

** Cancel Call Waiting is included as part of the Call Waiting rate.

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**** Customers subscribing to Call Waiting ID must pay tariff rates for both Call Waiting and either Caller ID - Number or Caller ID - Name and Number.

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D. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

2. The following rates apply in addition to Service Charges and other rates and charges applicable to the associated individual central office access lines. (Cont'd)

		<u>Monthly Rate</u>	
		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>
a.	When provided individually, each service, per line equipped (Cont'd)		
16)	Selective Blocking (Per Call) or Complete Blocking (Per Line)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
17)	Last Number/Save Number Redial*	4.50 (I)	4.50 (I)
18)	Distinctive Ring	6.00	6.00
	a. With any PAK*	3.00	3.00
19)	Selective Call Accept *64	3.60 (I)	2.40 (I)
20)	Select Call Forward *63	3.60 (I)	2.40 (I)

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D. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

2. The following rates apply in addition to Service Charges and other rates and charges applicable to the associated individual central office access lines. (Cont'd)

		<u>Pay-Per-Use</u>		<u>Monthly Rate</u>	
		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>
a.	When provided individually, each service, per line equipped (Cont'd)				
	21) Special Call Waiting *	-.-	-.-	\$6.00	\$5.00
	22) Speed Call				
	a. Speed Call 8	-.-	-.-	4.20 (I)	3.00 (I)
	b. Speed Call 30	-.-	-.-	5.00 (I)	4.20 (I)
	23) 3-Way Calling	\$.89** (I)	\$.89** (I)	4.50 (I)	3.90 (I)
	24) VIP Alert	-.-	-.-	4.80 (I)	3.60 (I)

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		<u>Monthly Rate</u>		
		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
b.	When provided as a service package, each package, per line equipped			
1)	Economy Package (Call Waiting and Call Forwarding) (CCPKG3)*	\$ 5.25	\$ 5.25	(I)
2)	Professional Package (Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Three-Way Calling and Speed Calling-30) (40426, SC130R)*	9.60	9.60	(I)
3)	Plan II PAK (Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Three-Way Calling, and Speed Calling-8) (75811, SC1R)**	6.65	5.45	(I)
4)	Plan III PAK (Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Three- Way Calling, Speed Calling-8, Camp On/Busy Number Redial, and Last Number/Save Number Redial) (40445, CCR S CALL 3)*	9.00	7.85	(I)

* This service package is limited to all existing subscribers at their existing locations.

** This service offering is limited to existing residential subscribers at their existing locations.

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2. The following rates apply in addition to Service Charges and other rates and charges applicable to the associated individual central office access lines. (Cont'd)

		<u>Monthly Rate</u>		
		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
b.	When provided as a service package, each package, per line equipped (Cont'd)			
5)	PLAN I PAK 4400 (Call Waiting, Call Return*69, Busy Redial and Call Blocking) (SMTCALL4400R)*	\$ --	\$ 10.70	(I)
6)	PLAN I PAK 4900 (Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Three- Way Calling, Speed Calling, Call Return*69, Priority Call and VIP Alert) (SMTCALL4900R)*	--	16.15	(I)

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2. The following rates apply, in addition to Service Charges and other rates and charges applicable, to the associated individual central office access lines. (Cont'd)

		<u>Monthly Rate</u>		
		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
b.	When provided as a service package, each package, per line equipped (Cont'd)			
7)	Basic Pack* (Call Return*69, Call Block, Call Waiting, Caller ID, Three-Way Calling) (03828)**	\$ --	\$ 13.30	(I)
8)	Complete Pack* (Anonymous Call Block, Busy Redial, Call Return*69, Call Block, Call Forwarding, Call Waiting, Caller ID, Distinctive Ring, Do Not Disturb, Select Call Forwarding, Speed Calling, Three-Way Calling and VIP Alert) (03829)**	--	16.95	

* Service Charges, as specified in Section 5, are not applicable when Basic Pack and/or Complete Pack is established or discontinued.

** This service offering is limited to existing subscribers at their present locations.

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2. The following rates apply, in addition to Service Charges and other rates and charges applicable, to the associated individual central office access lines. (Cont'd)

		<u>Monthly Rate</u>		
		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
b.	When provided as a service package, each package, per line equipped (Cont'd)			
9)	Big Deal – Option A* (Call Waiting, Cancel Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Three-Way Calling, Speed Call, Distinctive Ring, Caller ID-Name and Number, Anonymous Call Block, Call Waiting ID**, Busy Redial, Call Return*69, Call Block, Select Call Forwarding and VIP Alert) (03850)***	\$ --	\$16.80	(I)
(10)	Big Deal – Option B (Call Waiting, Cancel Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Three-Way Calling, Call Return*69 and Call Block) (03851)***	\$ --	10.95	(I)

* Service Charges, as specified in Section 5, are not applicable when Big-Option A or Option B is established or discontinued.

** Where available

*** This service is limited to existing subscribers at their present locations.

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E. Packaged Services

1. **SIMPLE CHOICE™/BUSINESS ASSIST™ ADVANTAGE (Cont'd)**

c. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Cont'd)**

3. Customers subscribing to Simple Choice™ Two may select different features for each line. All lines must be billed to the same account and located at the same premise.
4. Simple Choice™/Business Assist™ Advantage features must be activated by the customer before they can be used without incurring usage charges.
5. All recurring charges applicable to an access line apply to Simple Choice™/Business Assist™ Advantage. Among other things, these can include but are not limited to, EAS charges, surcharges, subscriber line charges, and taxes.
6. If access line rates for residence and business service, as listed elsewhere in this tariff, increase, Simple Choice™/Business Assist™ Advantage rates may also increase (upon Commission approval).

d. **RATES**

1. RESIDENCE

Rate Group	RG 1, 2 Monthly <u>Rates</u>	RG 3, 4, 5 Monthly <u>Rates</u>	RG M Monthly <u>Rates</u>
Simple Choice™	\$26.95 (I)	\$29.95	\$30.95 (I)
Simple Choice™ Two	\$47.95	\$50.95	\$50.95

2. BUSINESS

Rate Group	RG 1,2,3 Monthly <u>Rates</u>	RG 4,5, Monthly <u>Rates</u>	RG M Monthly <u>Rates</u>
Business Assist™ Advantage	\$36.95	\$41.95	\$41.95 (I)
Simple Choice™ Two	\$67.95	\$77.95	\$77.95

NONRECURRING:

A nonrecurring charge will not apply for installation of the features for Simple Choice™/Business Assist™ Advantage. Installation, moves, and changes to the access line(s) will incur the appropriate nonrecurring charges found in Section 5.

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E. Application Of Rates

1. The CyberDS1 Capacity rate is applicable to each CyberDS1.
2. The CyberDS1 Capacity element provides for the network facility to the customer premises and the central office channelization.
3. Transfer of service responsibility between customers is permitted subject to the rules and regulations as specified in Section 2 of this Tariff.
4. Unless specified herein, rules and regulations contained elsewhere in this Tariff are also applicable to CyberDS1 Service.

F. Rates And Charges

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>IOSC</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>	<u>IOSC</u>
CyberDS1 Capacity, each	\$ 787.50(l)	00148	\$ 500.00	00149
	<u>Tariff Rate</u>	<u>12 Months</u>		
CyberDS1 Term Pricing	\$787.50(l)	\$761.25(l)		

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D. Rates and Charges

		<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring IOSC Charge(1)</u>	<u>IOSC</u>
1.	ISDN-PRI Facility	(2)	17166, 17169	(2) 17167
2.	ISDN-PRI Access			
	12-Month Contract	\$ 440.00(l)	17170	\$ 500.00 17173
	36-Month Contract	395.00(l)	17171	500.00 17173
	60-Month Contract	350.00(l)	17172	500.00 17173
3.	Channel Activations and Usage, per channel			
a)	Voice/Data Channel Activation - Flat Rate	15.00	17174	- -
b)	Voice/Data Channel Activation - Measured PLUS Usage	5.00 (3)	17175	- -
4.	Subsequent Activity Charge (SAC), per occurrence	-	-	200.00 17176

(1) Service charges reflected in Section 5 of this Tariff will not apply in addition to the nonrecurring charges specified below.

(2) The applicable rates and charges for the ISDN-PRI Facility are the monthly and nonrecurring charges for 1.544 Access Line and Special Transport, as specified in High Capacity DS1 Service in Section 7 of this Tariff.

(3) The applicable rates and charges for Data Channel Usage are the network usage rates for Switched Data Service, as specified in this Section of this Tariff.

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E. ISDN-PRI Out of Calling Scope

1. ISDN-PRI Out-of-Calling Scope (OOCs) allows a customer, upon the customer's request, to subscribe to ISDN-PRI service from a central office outside of the local calling scope of the central office from which the customer would normally be provided local exchange access services.
2. ISDN-PRI Out of Calling Scope service is an intraLATA service only.
3. Termination Liability Terms and Conditions, See Section 2, Rules and Regulations.
4. ISDN-PRI OOCs is available with two options. The two-way option will provide both terminating (inbound) and originating (outbound) traffic. The one-way option will provide only terminating (inbound) traffic to the PRI customer. Under the one-way option originating traffic from the customer's location to the serving ISDN-PRI central office will be blocked. The following ISDN-PRI access rates are in lieu of the Local Calling Area ISDN-PRI access rates as found under D.2.:

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>IOSC</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge(1)</u>	<u>IOSC</u>
a. Two-Way Service				
12-Month Contract	\$1,044.00 (I)	19394	\$ 500.00	65415
36-Month Contract	1,002.00 (I)	19395	500.00	65415
60-Month Contract	960.00 (I)	19396	500.00	65415
b. Terminating Only				
12-Month Contract	\$651.00 (I)	65972	500.00	65415
36-Month Contract	609.00 (I)	65973	500.00	65415
60-Month Contract	567.00 (I)	65974	500.00	65415

- (1) Service Charges reflected in Section 5 of this Tariff will not apply in addition to the nonrecurring charges specified below.

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D. Rates

1. Where the customer dials the local Directory Assistance number 1+411 or 411 and requests telephone number information for any exchange in which the Company has presence within the state, the charge for each call over the allowances defined in Paragraph B (maximum of two requested telephone numbers per call) is:
 - a. per call \$.54 (I)
2. Where the customer dials the Directory Assistance number 1+ Home Area Code+555-1212, the charge for each call over the allowances defined in Paragraph B (maximum of two requested telephone numbers per call) is:
 - a. per call \$. 54 (I)
3. Where the customer places a call to the Directory Assistance attendant via a Company operator, the charge for each call (maximum of two requested telephone numbers per call), in addition to the local Directory Assistance charge, is:
 - a. per call \$. 61 (I)
4. Directory Assistance charges billed to a third number, a special billing number, or a Company calling card, in addition to the local Directory Assistance rate, will be billed at:
 - a. per call \$. 61 (I)

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DIRECTORY CONNECT PLUS

B. Conditions (Cont'd)

8. Calls will be completed on a sent paid basis. Person-to-person, collect, calling card, third number or any other calls requiring operator handling are not included.
9. The Company assumes no responsibility or liability for any errors in the information furnished. The caller shall indemnify the Telephone Company and hold it free and harmless of and from any and all claims, demands or damages that shall arise from the use of the service.

C. Rates

1. A charge of \$.69 will apply for each Directory Connect Plus call completed. (I)

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NATIONAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE/CUSTOMER NAME AND ADDRESS SERVICE

B. Conditions (Cont'd)

5. Charges for National Directory Assistance/Customer Name and Address Service are not applicable to calls placed by customers who certify they are unable to use a directory because of a handicap. (For further details please refer to Directory Assistance Service, Sheet 2 in this section of the tariff, under C. Exemptions).
6. National Directory Assistance and Customer Name and Address Service will be available where technology permits.

C. Rates

1. For each call to the National Directory Assistance/
Customer Name and Address Service.....\$ 1.23 (l)

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C. Rates and Charges

1. The following monthly rates apply in addition to Service Charges and are applicable to the alphabetical section of the Telephone Directory for business and residence customers.

	<u>GSEC</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	
a. Primary Listings(1)	--	--	
b. Additional Listings			
1) Business	ALB	\$2.55	(l)
2) Residence	ALR	2.03	(l)
c. Foreign Exchange Listings			
1) Business	FLB	2.55	(l)
2) Residence	FLR	2.03	(l)
d. Nonlisted Service	NL	2.03	(l)
e. Nonpublished Service	NP	2.08	(l)

(1) See B.1 Conditions

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LOCAL OPERATOR SERVICE

A. General (Cont'd)

3. Customers who identify themselves as being disabled and unable to dial the call, will not be required to pay local operator service charges for sent paid station-to-station calls from public and semi-public coin telephones.

B. Conditions

1. Local operator assistance charges will not apply to calls placed to the Company business office, Company repair service, emergency calls, 911 or the law enforcement and public safety agencies.

C. Rates and Charges

<u>Operator Service</u>	<u>Charge Per Call</u>	
Busy Line Interrupt	\$ 1.10	
Busy Line Verify	.58	
Calling Card Call	.82	(l)
Operator Station Call	1.61	(l)
Person-to-Person Call	3.41	(l)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TT-XXXX-XXXX
Tariff File No. JI-2006-0076

FROM: William Voight
Telecommunications Department

SUBJECT: Staff's Recommendation to Suspend Tariff Filing

DATE: August 10, 2005

On August 1, 2005, Century Tel of Missouri (Century Tel) filed proposed tariff sheets to, among other matters, implement an expanded calling scope in the Branson area. The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends Century Tel's filing be suspended and set for hearing.

In its filing, Century Tel proposes to implement a one-way toll-free extended area telephone service (EAS) for its telephone subscribers as follows:

Rockaway Beach to Branson
Rockaway Beach to Forsyth
Forsyth to Rockaway Beach
Kimberling City to Reeds Spring
Reeds Spring to Kimberling City

Century Tel proposes that the EAS routes consist of mandatory one-way calling for all access lines (business and residential), and that the expanded calling be made available for \$2.50 monthly, except that Rockaway Beach subscribers will be charged \$3.50 monthly.

In support of its filing, Century Tel, on August 1st, submitted a stipulation and agreement signed by it and the Office of Public Counsel. On August 8th, Staff filed suggestions in opposition to the stipulation and agreement in which Staff expressed the concern that Century Tel's EAS proposal constituted an unlawful solution to the expanded calling scope petition filed in Case No. TO-2003-0257. It is not intended for this memorandum to express opinions on the legality of Century Tel's proposal. Rather, the purpose of this memorandum is to express the Staff's concerns regarding the omission of the

communities of Forsyth, Kimberling City and Reeds Spring to have EAS to Branson as a part of the stipulation presented by the Office of Public Counsel and Century Tel.

Conceptually, the Staff does support the stipulation and agreement submitted by the OPC and Century Tel. However, Staff notes that in its February 24, 2005 Request for Expanded Calling Plan filed in Case No. TO-2003-0257 (February 24th Request), the Office of Public Counsel requested an EAS calling plan that included toll free calling among the communities of Rockaway Beach, Forsyth, Kimberling City, Reeds Spring, and Branson. OPC's Request was made after considerable discussions with representatives from the residents, businesses, community and civic leaders in the immediate Branson area.

In an attempt to quantify the communities of interest that exist in the immediate Branson area, the Staff has examined the Century Tel-supplied calling scope data which reveals current long distance calling between and among the above named communities. After examining the data, and thoroughly discussing the contents of the data with representatives of the OPC and Century Tel, it is the Staff's opinion that the stipulation and agreement does not adequately address the communities of interest as revealed by the calling scope data. Staff openly recognizes that the dollar amount of price cap adjustments is simply not great enough to offset the financial impact caused by the type of EAS arrangement contemplated in the OPC's Request. However, it is the Staff's opinion that the Commission should not approve the stipulation and agreement without first examining the extent to which other EAS arrangements may be needed in order to satisfy the demonstrated communities of interest as established by the calling scope data and as set forth in the OPC's February 24th Request.

If the Commission determines that it is appropriate to apply all or a portion of Century Tel's price cap adjustments toward establishment of EAS routes in the Branson area, the Staff suggests that a more appropriate application would involve the entire amount of the price cap reduction – not simply a portion of the entire amount. For example, in paragraph six of its August 8th Response to Staff's Suggestions in Opposition to Stipulation and Agreement, Century Tel indicated that an across-the-board rate reduction to the general body of rate payers would represent "less than twenty-five cents (25 cents) per month" and that "such small reductions would not gain widespread acclaim or even notice by the vast majority of Century Tel's customers." Thus, according to Century Tel, "an across-the-board rate reduction for basic local exchange service is not an attractive option..."

The Staff agrees with Century Tel's statement that small rate reductions are unlikely to gain widespread acclaim among the general body of Century Tel's customers. For example, under Century Tel and the OPC's proposal, single line residential customers in Century Tel's smallest exchanges would see a monthly rate reduction of only eight (8 cents) cents per line. Moreover customers subscribing to Century Tel's current EAS arrangements would see similar small decreases. For example, customers in Bradleyville would see a one cent (1 cent) reduction in their EAS rate to Forsyth. Similar rate reductions for other communities abound in the stipulation agreed upon between the OPC

and Century Tel. Simply stated, the Staff believes that, at a minimum, the entire amount of the price cap reductions should be applied to establishing EAS routes comprising the OPC' February 24th Request. The stipulation and agreement signed by the OPC and Century Tel simply neglects to do so. For these reasons, the Staff recommends the Commission suspend Century Tel's proposed tariff filing and to set the matter for hearing. Staff further recommends the Commission postpone any public hearing on this matter until after an evidentiary hearing.

The specific tariff sheets Staff recommends to be suspended are as follows:

<u>PSC MO. NO. 1</u>	<u>General and Local Exchange Tariff</u>
Section 4	2 nd Revised Sheet 6, Cancels 1 st Revised Sheet 6 2 nd Revised Sheet 7, Cancels 1 st Revised Sheet 7 2 nd Revised Sheet 8, Cancels 1 st Revised Sheet 8 2 nd Revised Sheet 9, Cancels 1 st Revised Sheet 9 2 nd Revised Sheet 10, Cancels 1 st Revised Sheet 10 3 rd Revised Sheet 11, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 11 2 nd Revised Sheet 12, Cancels 1 st Revised Sheet 12 3 rd Revised Sheet 13, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 13 2 nd Revised Sheet 14, Cancels 1 st Revised Sheet 14 2 nd Revised Sheet 15, Cancels 1 st Revised Sheet 15 3 rd Revised Sheet 17, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 17] 3 rd Revised Sheet 18, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 18
Section 5	3 rd Revised Sheet 4, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 4
Section 6	3 rd Revised Sheet 13, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 13 3 rd Revised Sheet 14, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 14 3 rd Revised Sheet 15, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 15 3 rd Revised Sheet 16, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 16 3 rd Revised Sheet 17, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 17 3 rd Revised Sheet 18, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 18 3 rd Revised Sheet 18.1, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 18.1 3 rd Revised Sheet 18.2, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 18.2 4 th Revised Sheet 19.4, Cancels 3 rd Revised Sheet 19.4
Section 7	1 st Revised Sheet 24.4, Cancels Original Sheet 24.4 2 nd Revised Sheet 94, Cancels 1 st Revised Sheet 94 1 st Revised Sheet 97, Cancels Original Sheet 97
Section 9	3 rd Revised Sheet 3, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 3 3 rd Revised Sheet 3.3, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 3.3 3 rd Revised Sheet 3.5, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 3.5 3 rd Revised Sheet 7, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 7 3 rd Revised Sheet 11, Cancels 2 nd Revised Sheet 11

The Staff is aware of other Tariff Filings currently pending by Century Tel and Spectra d/b/a. Century Tel. The Staff does not believe those filings are affected by this filing. However, Staff wishes to make those other filings known. They are as follows:

Tariff File No. JI-2006-0081 Spectra d/b/a Century Tel PSC Mo. No. 1
Tariff File No. JI-2006-0082 Spectra d/b/a Century Tel PSC Mo. No 2
Tariff File No. JI-2006-0083 Spectra d/b/a Century Tel PSC Mo. No. 3
Tariff File No. JI-2006-0077 Century Tel PSC Mo. No. 2
Tariff File No. JI-2006-0079 Century Tel PSC Mo. No. 3