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

In the Matter of the Waiver of	)	
Certain Rules and Statutes to	)	File No. TE-2012-0073
Telecommunications Companies	)	

## CENTURYTEL OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS, LLC D/B/A CENTURYLINK'S NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR WAIVER OF COMMISSION RULES AND STATUTES

COMES NOW CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink"), pursuant to Section 392.461, RSMo, Cum. Supp. 2010<sup>1</sup>, and hereby notifies the Missouri Public Service Commission of its election for waiver of certain Commission rules and statutory provisions. In support of its Notice of Election, CenturyLink states as follows:

- 1. CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink is a Louisiana limited liability corporation that is duly authorized to do business in the state of Missouri. Copies of CenturyLink's Certificate of Authority to transact business in Missouri from the Missouri Secretary of State were filed in File No. TN-2010-0090, and are incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G). CenturyLink is a "local exchange telecommunications company" and a "public utility," and is duly authorized to provide "telecommunications service" within the State of Missouri as each of those terms is defined in Section 386.020, RSMo. Cum. Supp. 2011.
- 2. All correspondence, pleadings, orders, decisions, and communications regarding this proceeding should be sent to:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All statutory references to § 392.461, RSMo, refer to the revised statute pursuant to House Bill 338, effective August 28, 2011.

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- 3. CenturyLink has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court that involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of the Application. No Missouri annual reports or assessment fees are overdue.
  - 4 Section 392.461, RSMo, as enacted in House Bill 338, provides as follows:

A telecommunications company may, upon written notice to the commission, elect to be exempt from certain retail rules relating to:

- The provision of telecommunications service to retail customers and established by the commission which include provisions already mandated by the Federal Communications Commission, including but not limited to federal rules regarding customer proprietary network information, verification of orders for changing telecommunications service providers (slamming), submission or inclusion of charges on customer bills (cramming); or
  - (2) The installation, provisioning, or termination of retail service.
- 5. Staff has opened this Case File TE-2012-0073 to allow telecommunications companies to file a Notice of Election of Waivers pursuant to §§ 392.245.5(8), 392.420 and 392.461, RSMo. Staff has set forth the list of waivers in Paragraph 4 of staff's Motion filed on October 18, 2011.
- 6. CenturyLink hereby exercises its statutory right to elect to waive the application and enforcement of the list of statutes and rules contained in Paragraph 4 of Staff's Motion pursuant to §§ 392.245.5(8), 392.420 and 392.461, RSMo
- 7. By opting into the waivers contained in this Notice of Election, CenturyLink does not waive any right or opportunity to seek additional waivers in the future.

WHEREFORE, CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink hereby provides the Commission with written notice of its election to waive certain rules and statutes pursuant to §§ 392.245.5(8), 392.420 and 392.461, RSMo, commencing on the date of this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012, a copy of the above and foregoing document was served via electronic mail, facsimile or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to each of the following:

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