BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into the Possibility of Impairment without Unbundled Local Circuit Switching When Serving the Mass Market.

Case No. TO-2004-0207

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF THE DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ARTHUR P. MARTINEZ <u>IN PHASE III</u>

COMES NOW Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (collectively referred to as "CenturyTel") and hereby withdraws the Direct Testimony of Arthur P. Martinez for Phase III of the abovereferenced case. In support of its Notice of Withdrawal, CenturyTel states as follows:

1. On January 12, 2004, Arthur P. Martinez, on behalf of CenturyTel, timely pre-filed Direct Testimony for Phase III ("Non-Impairment Determination for Dedicated Transport") pursuant to the Commission's <u>Order Establishing Procedural Schedule</u> issued in this matter on December 1, 2003.

2. CenturyTel now desires to withdraw the Phase III Direct Testimony of Mr. Martinez. As such, CenturyTel will not offer the pre-filed Direct Testimony of Mr. Martinez as evidence during the Phase III evidentiary hearings which are currently scheduled to begin on April 13, 2004.

3. CenturyTel files this Notice of Withdrawal at this time so that other parties to this case do not expend resources in the rebuttal of Mr. Martinez's testimony, said rebuttal testimony now scheduled to be filed on March 1, 2004.

WHEREFORE, CenturyTel hereby withdraws the Phase III Direct Testimony of

Mr. Arthur P. Martinez that was previously pre-filed on January 12, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

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 17th day of February, 2004.

/s/ Larry W. Dority