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**Re: Case No. TT-2003-0043**

Missouri Public  
Service Commission

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion to Withdraw Tariff Filing and Dismiss Case.

Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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In the Matter of the Tariff of Spectra                     )  
Communications Group, LLC, PSC Mo.                     )     Case No. TT-2003-0043  
No. 2, Facilities for Intrastate Access.                     )     Tariff No. 200300034

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW TARIFF FILING AND DISMISS CASE**

Comes now Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel ("Spectra") and for its Motion to Withdraw Tariff Filing and Dismiss Case pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.116 states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. On July 12, 2002, Spectra filed revisions to its intrastate access tariff that changed deposit regulations related to conditions under which Spectra could request security deposits from access customers. The effective date of the tariff was August 11, 2002.
2. On August 8, 2002, the Commission suspended the tariff until September 10, 2002, and on September 5, 2002, the Commission issued its Order Further Suspending Tariff, Directing Notice, and Scheduling a Prehearing Conference. The Commission suspended the tariff until December 9, 2002.
3. On October 9, 2002, the Commission issued its Order Adopting Procedural Schedule, and on October 18, 2002, Spectra filed Direct Testimony pursuant to that schedule. On November 5, 2002, Staff and other parties filed Rebuttal Testimony, and on November 12, Spectra, Staff and AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. ("AT&T") filed Surrebuttal Testimony.

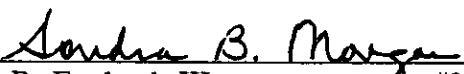
4. On November 14, 2002, Spectra filed a Motion to Extend Procedural Schedule in which it requested that the Commission grant it an opportunity to respond to the Surrebuttal Testimony of the Staff, since Staff had modified its previous recommendation in its Rebuttal Testimony. Also on November 14, the Commission issued its Order Granting Motion to Extend Procedural Schedule and Canceling Hearing, and on November 21, the Commission issued an Order Further Suspending Tariff in which it suspended the tariff for a period of six months beyond December 9, 2002, or June 9, 2003.

5. Spectra now requests that the Commission allow it to withdraw the proposed tariff and dismiss the proceeding. In light of the Staff's change in position and recommendation wherein it suggests that the Commission wait until the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") addresses similar issues at the federal level and the Commission's further suspension of the tariff, Spectra chooses to withdraw the tariff at this time. While Spectra does not believe that the Commission is constrained from ruling on a proposed tariff only affecting Missouri intrastate access customers prior to an FCC decision regarding similar deposit tariffs affecting interstate access, it nevertheless chooses to withdraw the tariff.

6. Counsel for all the parties of record in this proceeding have been contacted regarding this motion, and no party has any objection to the withdrawal of the tariff or dismissal of the case.

Wherefore, Spectra respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion to Withdraw Tariff Filing and Dismiss Case and for any other relief appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002, to the following parties:

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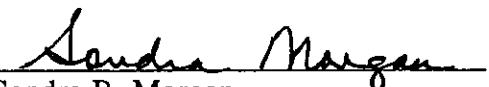
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