

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

In Re: ICC Bill-and-Keep Amendment to the                    )  
Commercial Mobile Radio Services Interconnection) )  
Agreement between Spectra Communications                    )  
Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and                                )  
United States Cellular Corporation                                )  
Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the                        )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996.                                    )

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION OF SPECTRA COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, LLC D/B/A  
CENTURYLINK AND UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION FOR  
APPROVAL OF AN ICC BILL-AND-KEEP AMENDMENT TO THE  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW, Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") hereby files its Application for Approval of an ICC Bill-and-Keep Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement ("Amendment") between United States Cellular Corporation ("USCC") and CenturyLink pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Federal Act"). In support of its application, CenturyLink states the following:

**I. APPLICANT**

Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink is a Delaware limited liability corporation that is duly authorized to do business in the state of Missouri and authorized by the Commission to provide basic local and interexchange telecommunications services. Copies of Spectra Communications Group, LLC's Certificate of Authority issued by the Missouri Secretary of State were filed in Case No. TM-2000-182 and incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G). To CenturyLink's knowledge, there are no overdue

assessments or annual reports nor are there any pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it involving customer service or rates occurring within the last three years.

## **II. INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

CenturyLink presents to the Commission its application pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and USCC entered into an Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement (the "Agreement"), which adopted the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement between CenturyLink and WWC License, LLC, which was approved by the Commission in Case No. TK-2003-0306. The Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement between CenturyLink and USCC was submitted to the Commission as Interconnection Agreement Previously Approved, No. VT-2006-0001. CenturyLink and USCC recently entered into the attached ICC Bill-and-Keep Amendment to the Agreement. There are no outstanding issues related to the Agreement between the parties that require the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

## **III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW**

The statutory standard of review under Section 252(e) of the Act states:

- (e) Approval by State Commission
  - (1) Approval Required. Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the state commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted to shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
  - (2) under subsection (a) if it finds Grounds for Rejection. The State commission may only reject.
    - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation that:
      - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or
      - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; or...

CenturyLink further states that the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity in that it allows for full and fair competition and greater choice for the consumer. The Amendment does not discriminate against other carriers who are not a party to the Amendment because the terms of the Amendment are equally available to any other carrier.

#### IV. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

CenturyLink seeks the Commission's approval of the Amendment, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and USCC believe that the implementation of this Amendment complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Amendment promotes diversity in providers, provides interconnectivity, and increases customer choices for telecommunications services.

CenturyLink and USCC respectfully request that the Commission grant approval of the Amendment, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation.

#### V. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, CenturyLink requests that the Commission approve the ICC Bill-and-Keep Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and United States Cellular Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERIFICATION


I, Becky Owenson Kilpatrick, an attorney and duly authorized representative of CenturyLink hereby verify and affirm that I have read the foregoing Application for Approval of an ICC Bill-and-Keep Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between United States Cellular Corporation and CenturyLink and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

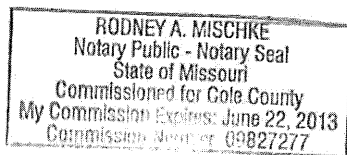
  
Becky Owenson Kilpatrick

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013.

My Commission Expires:

6/22/2013

  
Notary Public in and for said  
County and State

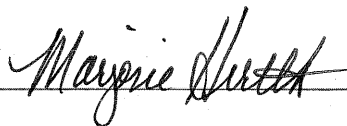


**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2013, a copy of the above and foregoing APPLICATION OF SPECTRA COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, LLC D/B/A CENTURYLINK AND UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN ICC BILL-AND-KEEP AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT was served by email to each of the following:

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