

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

In the Matter of the Assessment Against )	
the Public Utilities in the State of Missouri )	Case No. AO-2002-1156
for the Expenses of the Commission for )	
the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2002. )	

**APPLICATION TO INTERVENE  
OF  
SPECTRA COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, LLC dba CENTURYTEL**

COMES NOW Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel ("Spectra"), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075 and Section 386.420, RSMo 2000, and respectfully seeks to intervene in this proceeding. In support of its Application to Intervene, Spectra states as follows:

1. Spectra is a Delaware limited liability company that is duly authorized to do business in the state of Missouri. Spectra operates in Missouri using the fictitious name of "CenturyTel," pursuant to the registration of fictitious name filed in Case No. TO-2001-437. Spectra's principle place of business is 1151 CenturyTel Drive, Wentzville, Missouri 63885. Spectra is a "local exchange telecommunications company" authorized to provide "telecommunications service" and a "public utility," as defined in Section 386.020, RSMo 2000.

2. In its Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Setting Intervention Deadline issued in this matter on December 2, 2002, the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") determined that it was " . . . appropriate to establish an intervention deadline so that utility companies which are regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission will have an opportunity to intervene, along with any other

interested party.” The Commission accordingly set an intervention deadline of December 31, 2002. As a utility company required to pay the Commission’s assessment, Spectra has a substantial interest in this proceeding.

3. All correspondence, communications, and orders and decisions of the Commission issued in this matter should be sent to:

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4. Spectra seeks to intervene in this proceeding because it has an interest which is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case. No other party to this proceeding will adequately protect Spectra’s interest. At this point in time, Spectra is unsure of the position it will be taking on issues that may come before the Commission in this case.

5. Granting of this intervention will serve the public interest because Spectra will bring to this proceeding its expertise in the areas being investigated and its experience as a telecommunications provider.

WHEREFORE, Spectra Communications Group, LLC dba CenturyTel respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Application to Intervene in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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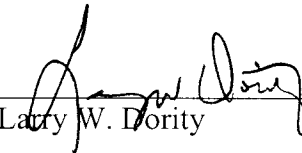
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