

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

In the Matter of the Name Change for)	
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink,)	<u>File No. TN-2023-0237</u>
CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC d/b/a)	Tariff Nos. YC-2023-0143,
CenturyLink, and CenturyTel Broadband)	YI-2023-0144, YI-2023-0145,
Services, LLC to Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC,)	YI-2023-0146, and YI-2023-0147
Brightspeed of Northwest Arkansas, LLC and)	
Brightspeed Broadband, LLC)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), through the undersigned counsel, and hereby respectfully submits this *Staff Recommendation*.

1. On January, 23, 2023, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, and CenturyTel Broadband Services, LLC filed notice that they have changed their names to Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC, Brightspeed of Northwest Arkansas, LLC, and Brightspeed Broadband of Missouri, LLC respectively. On February 6, 2023, the company filed supplemental documents to comply with 20 CSR 4240-31.015(2) and to adopt the companies’ tariffs. On February 7, 2023, Brightspeed filed a substitute tariff adoption notice for CenturyTel Broadband Services, LLC and withdrew the adoption notice for CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas. The Companies have filed all requisite documentation.

2. Rule 20 CSR 4240-28.011(2) provides that any company with a certificate or registration that changes its name shall provide advance notice to the Commission of the name change and lays out the methods and requirements for such notice. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff herein states that the Companies have complied with the rule.

No entities intervened to oppose the name change. The Companies are not delinquent in any required filings with the Commission.

3. Tariffs were submitted with the application, effective February 16, 2023. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets and recommend that the Commission approve the tariffs or allow them to take effect by operation of law.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission recognize the name changes from CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, and CenturyTel Broadband Services, LLC to Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC, Brightspeed of Northwest Arkansas, LLC, and Brightspeed Broadband, LLC respectively; permit the revised tariff sheets to take effect; and grant such other and further relief as it finds just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 8th day of February, 2023, to all counsel of record.

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