

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

In the Matter of the Request from the Customers in the     )  
Rockaway Beach Exchange for an Expanded Calling     ) **Case No. TO-2003-0257**  
Scope to Make Toll-Free Calls to Branson.             )

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING AN INTERVENTION DEADLINE,**  
**SCHEDULING A CONFERENCE, AND REGARDING THE FILING**  
**OF ILLUSTRATIVE TARIFF SHEETS**

**Background:**

On January 29, 2003, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a petition requesting that customers in the Rockaway Beach exchange have toll-free calling into Branson. Since that time, the case was delayed to give CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, and the applicant an opportunity to agree on a solution and to give CenturyTel time to develop tariff sheets. The case was also delayed to allow the Metropolitan Calling Area/Calling Scope Task Force to file its report in Case No. TW-2004-0471.<sup>1</sup>

Staff filed the Task Force's Final Report on September 29, 2004, and submitted a Status Report on October 18, 2004, in this case. Staff submitted its Second and Third Status Reports on December 22, 2004, and January 31, 2005, respectively. On February 24, 2005, the Office of the Public Counsel filed its Request for Expanded Calling Plan, and CenturyTel filed its Response on March 7, 2005.

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<sup>1</sup> In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into the Metropolitan Calling Area Plan and Calling Scopes in Missouri.

The Commission issued an Order Directing Filing on March 23, 2005, instructing Public Counsel and Staff to clarify certain matters. Public Counsel filed its response on March 28, 2005, and Staff filed its Fourth Status Report on March 31, 2005.

**Discussion:**

The Commission notes that although CenturyTel has been treated as if it were a party, and is in fact a necessary party to the full and fair adjudication of this matter, the company has not officially been made a party. The Commission will therefore order that CenturyTel be made a party to this case.

The Commission also finds that interested parties should be given notice and an opportunity to intervene. The Commission will direct the Commission's Data Center to mail a copy of this order to each certificated interexchange and basic local exchange telecommunications company in Missouri, and to the county commissions of Barry, Christian, Davis, Greene, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, and Webster counties. In addition, the Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the media serving the counties of Barry, Christian, Davis, Greene, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, and Webster, and to the members of the General Assembly representing these counties.

The parties appear to disagree as to what the next steps should be in this case. The disputes include whether or not an additional conference should be scheduled, and whether the Commission should suspend its requirement that the company file illustrative tariff sheets. The Commission agrees with Staff's analysis, found in its March 31<sup>st</sup> Status Report, that the December 22, 2004 conference satisfied the Task Force's recommended procedure regarding a conference. Nonetheless, the Commission is willing to schedule another conference, as requested by Public Counsel, to facilitate the resolution of this

matter. The conference will be held in the Commission's offices and will begin with a brief on-the-record session, similar to the Commission's procedure for prehearing conferences.

The Commission had previously ordered that CenturyTel submit illustrative tariff sheets 90 days after Public Counsel filed its pleading clarifying whether its application remains unchanged or has been modified. This deadline was based upon the Task Force Final Report recommendations. Public Counsel filed this pleading on February 24, 2005. Consequently, CenturyTel's illustrative tariffs are due not later than May 25, 2005. CenturyTel contends that this filing is premature and should be rescinded. Staff's Fourth Status Report reiterates that the Task Force's Final Report contemplates that the illustrative tariff sheets shall be filed no later than 90 days after the applicant files its pleading clarifying whether or not it is amending its application. The Commission finds that this deadline is appropriate and will deny the company's request that the Commission rescind the tariff filing requirement.

Nonetheless, if Public Counsel modifies its application following the May 2<sup>nd</sup> conference, CenturyTel may wish to renew its request for an extension of time to file the illustrative tariff sheets. The Commission will also clarify that the illustrative tariff sheets shall be filed in the case rather than simply submitted to Staff

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, is made a party to this case.
2. That the Commission's Data Center shall serve notice as set out herein.
3. That the Commission's Information Office shall provide notice as set out herein.

4. That any party wishing to intervene shall file an application to do so no later than April 21, 2005, with:

Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Post Office Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and serve a copy on:

Office of the Public Counsel  
Post Office Box 2230  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

5. That responses to any application to intervene shall be filed no later than April 27, 2005.

6. That a conference shall be held on May 2, 2005, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate in the conference should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the conference.

7. That CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, shall file illustrative tariff sheets and supporting documentation if the company proposes to increase or establish new rates designed to maintain revenue neutrality, including the recovery of any new costs associated with implementing the new proposal. Unless otherwise ordered, CenturyTel shall file the tariff sheets and supporting documentation no later than May 25, 2005.

8. That this order shall become effective on April 21, 2005.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

( S E A L )

Vicky Ruth, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 11th day of April, 2005.