

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition of Charter Fiberlink-)	
Missouri, LLC, for Arbitration of an Interconnection)	<u>Case No. TO-2009-0037</u>
Agreement Between CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC,)	
and Charter Fiberlink-Missouri, LLC.)	

ORDER REQUIRING EXPEDITED RESPONSE AND
SCHEDULING INITIAL ARBITRATION MEETING

Issue Date: August 8, 2008

Effective Date: August 8, 2008

On July 31, 2008, Charter Fiberlink-Missouri, LLC filed its petition for arbitration with the Commission pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The petition asks the Commission to arbitrate its unresolved issues with CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC.

Per Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-36.040(7), CenturyTel's response is due August 25. Under the federal Telecommunications Act, the Commission must rule on the petition no later than November 18.

Because of the compressed timeframe in the Telecommunications Act and the Commission's arbitration rules, the arbitrator will set the initial arbitration meeting for August 19. At the meeting, the arbitrator will expect the parties to be prepared to discuss a proposed procedural schedule.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-36.040(15) gives the arbitrator some leeway in meeting deadlines imposed by the 4 CSR 240-36. However, the rule also requires the arbitrator to substantially comply with the procedures in the rule. Commission Rule 4 CSR

240-36.040(21) requires the arbitrator's Final Report to be completed by September 29.¹ Thus, the Commission will require CenturyTel to respond to the arbitration petition no later than August 15. The Commission has tentatively reserved September 9-12 for an evidentiary hearing.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC shall respond to the Petition filed by Charter Fiberlink-Missouri, LLC no later than August 15, 2008.

1. An initial arbitration meeting will be held on August 19, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This meeting will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the meeting.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 8th day of August, 2008.

¹ 220 days after July 31, 2008.