

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

In Re: Amendment No. 1 to the)
Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation)
Agreement By and Between)
Cricket Communications, Inc. and) Case No. _____
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink)
Pursuant to Sections 251 and)
252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

**APPLICATION OF CENTURYLINK
FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") and hereby files its Application for Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement ("Agreement") between Cricket Communications, Inc. ("Cricket") and CenturyLink pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Federal Act"). In support of its application, CenturyLink states the following:

I. APPLICANT

CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink is a Louisiana 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 CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's Certificate of Authority to transact business in Missouri from the Missouri Secretary of State were filed in Case No. TM-2002-232, and are incorporated herein by reference pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G).

II. INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

CenturyLink presents to the Commission its application pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and Cricket entered into an Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement dated February 14, 2008, which was an adoption of the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement between CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC and WWC License, LLC, which was approved by the Commission in Case No. IK-2008-0378. CenturyLink and Cricket recently entered into the attached Amendment No. 1 to the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation 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 Agreement 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 Agreement does not discriminate against other carriers who are not a party to the Agreement because the terms of the Agreement are equally available to any other carrier.

IV. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

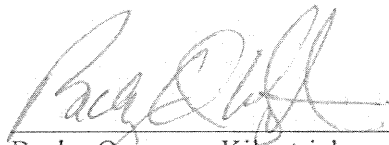
CenturyLink seeks the Commission's approval of the Amendment, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and Cricket believe that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest,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

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

V. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, CenturyLink requests that the Commission approve Amendment No. 1 to the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement between CenturyLink and Cricket Communications, Inc.

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 of CenturyLink for Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

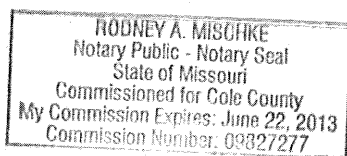

Becky Owenson Kilpatrick

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 3rd day of April 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 _____ day of April 2013, a copy of the above and foregoing Application of CenturyLink for Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement was served via email or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to each of the following:

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