

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

In Re: Amendment to the Traffic Exchange )  
Agreement By and Between Qwest )  
Communications Company, LLC d/b/a )  
CenturyLink QCC and CenturyTel of Missouri, )  
LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Spectra )  
Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink )  
Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996. )

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION OF CENTURYLINK FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT  
TO THE TRAFFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink (collectively "CenturyLink") hereby files its Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Traffic Exchange Agreement ("Agreement") between Qwest Communications Company, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink QCC ("QCC") 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).

Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink is a Delaware 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 Spectra Communications Group, LLC's Certificate of Authority issued by the Missouri Secretary of State were filed in Case No. TM-2000-182 and incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G)..

To CenturyLink's knowledge, there are no overdue assessments or annual reports nor are there any pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it involving customer service or rates occurring within the last three years.

## **II. INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

CenturyLink presents to the Commission its application pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and QCC entered into a Traffic Exchange Agreement dated July 18, 2012, which was approved by the Commission in Case No. TO-2013-0041. CenturyLink and QCC recently entered into the attached Amendment to the Traffic Exchange 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**

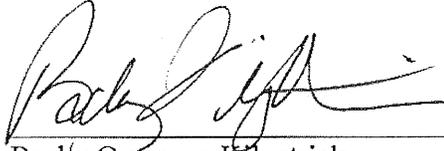
CenturyLink seeks the Commission's approval of the Amendment, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act. CenturyLink and QCC believe that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience 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 QCC 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 the Amendment to the Traffic Exchange Agreement between CenturyLink and QCC.

Respectfully submitted,



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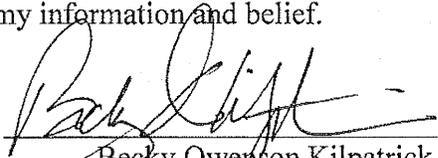
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**VERIFICATION**

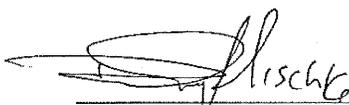
I, Becky Owenson Kilpatrick, an attorney and duly authorized representative of CenturyLink hereby verify and affirm that I have read the foregoing Application of CenturyLink for Approval of Amendment to the Traffic Exchange Agreement, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

  
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Becky Owenson Kilpatrick

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

My Commission Expires:

6/22/2013

  
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Notary Public in and for said  
County and State

RODNEY A. MISCHKE  
Notary Public - Notary Seal  
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Commissioned for Cole County  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013, a copy of the above and foregoing Application of CenturyLink for Approval of Amendment to the Traffic Exchange Agreement was served via email or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to each of the following:

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