

**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.)

**NOTICE OF RESCISSION OF
STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT**

COME NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”) and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (“CenturyTel”) (collectively “the Signatory Parties”), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080, and hereby rescind their Stipulation and Agreement filed in this case on August 1, 2005, that proposed an expanded local calling plan which included the Rockaway Beach Exchange, and a proposal for funding that expanded calling plan through the use of a CPI-TS reduction pursuant to Section 392.245.4, RSMo 2000 as well as EAS customer additive charges. In conjunction with the rescission of the Stipulation and Agreement, CenturyTel will file substitute tariff sheets to restructure the application of the pending CPI-TS reduction to generally apply to basic local service charges throughout its service territory¹.

Although Public Counsel and CenturyTel maintain their position that the plan and its funding mechanism are both lawful and reasonable, it does not appear that the plan will be approved by the Commission within the timeframe necessary to implement the CPI-TS reduction by September 1, 2005. Public Counsel and CenturyTel understand the Commission’s desire to further explore the issues and to hold public hearings. But given the window available for the implementation of the CPI-TS adjustment, time was of the

¹ Case No. TT-2006-0077, Tariff File No. JI-2006-0076.

essence. These matters can be more fully explored without the existing time constraints; however, the pending CPI-TS reduction can no longer be a part of the funding alternatives.

The intent of the Signatory Parties was to present to the Commission a plan that included a feasible funding mechanism using a method to target the CPI-TS reductions to specific elements of basic local service. As the Signatory Parties demonstrated, this method was previously supported by the Staff and approved by the Commission regarding Sprint CPI-TS adjustments in prior years.

Public Counsel and CenturyTel believed that this method was a suitable means to resolve the local calling scope problems raised by the Rockaway Beach exchange customers. The Signatory Parties further believed that their Stipulation and Agreement would provide an early resolution of the funding issue that has plagued expanded calling plans. They did not anticipate that this Stipulation and Agreement would be so contentious.

The rescission of the Stipulation and Agreement should not be considered as a signal that Public Counsel will abandon the petition for expanded calling. Public Counsel intends to proceed with the petition. CenturyTel agrees to continue its cooperation with Public Counsel and the community to explore other options in an effort to address its customers' concerns and calling needs.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel and CenturyTel ask the Commission to schedule a prehearing conference so that the parties can discuss the next procedural steps and the direction this case will take.

Respectfully submitted,

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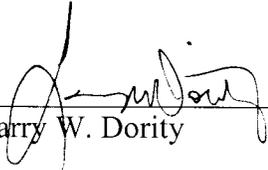
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, transmitted by e-mail or mailed, First Class, postage prepaid, to all counsel of record this 24th day of August, 2005.


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