

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

In the Matter of the Assessment Against )	
the Public Utilities in the State of Missouri )	Case No. AO-2002-1156
for the Expenses of the Commission for )	
the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2002. )	

**CENTURYTEL OF MISSOURI, LLC’S  
APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (“CenturyTel”), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075 and Section 386.420, RSMo 2000, and respectfully seeks to intervene in this proceeding. In support of its Application to Intervene, CenturyTel states as follows:

1. CenturyTel is a Louisiana limited liability corporation that is duly authorized to do business in the state of Missouri, with its principal place of business located at 100 CenturyTel Drive, Monroe, Louisiana. CenturyTel is a “local exchange telecommunications company” authorized to provide “telecommunications service” and a “public utility,” as defined in Section 386.020, RSMo 2000.

2. In its Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Setting Intervention Deadline issued in this matter on December 2, 2002, the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) determined that it was “ . . . appropriate to establish an intervention deadline so that utility companies which are regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission will have an opportunity to intervene, along with any other interested party.” The Commission accordingly set an intervention deadline of December 31, 2002. As a utility company required to pay the Commission’s assessment, CenturyTel has a substantial interest in this proceeding.

3. All correspondence, communications, and orders and decisions of the Commission issued in this matter should be sent to:

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4. CenturyTel seeks to intervene in this proceeding because it has an interest which is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case. No other party to this proceeding will adequately protect CenturyTel's interest. At this point in time, CenturyTel is unsure of the position it will be taking on issues that may come before the Commission in this case.

5. Granting of this intervention will serve the public interest because CenturyTel will bring to this proceeding its expertise in the areas being investigated and its experience as a telecommunications provider.

WHEREFORE, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Application to Intervene in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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