

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  CENTURYTEL OF POSTVILLE, INC.	DOCKET NO. TF-03-165
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**ORDER DOCKETING TARIFF AND REQUESTING RESPONSE**

(Issued June 27, 2003)

On May 29, 2003, CenturyTel of Postville, Inc. (CenturyTel), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a "Wireless Local Termination Tariff." The proposed tariff sets a per minute rate for terminating calls originated by Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) providers that are carried through a third-party carrier and then terminated to CenturyTel local exchange customers, unless the wireless carrier and CenturyTel have a negotiated interconnection agreement in place. The proposed tariff has been identified as Docket No. TF-03-165.

On June 19, 2003, Verizon Wireless, U.S. Cellular, and AT&T Wireless Services (collectively, Objectors) filed a joint objection to the proposed tariff requesting that the Board reject CenturyTel's proposed tariff or, in the alternative, docket the proposed tariff for further proceedings. The Objectors state that the Board previously rejected wireless termination tariffs in Exchange of Transit Traffic, Docket No. SPU-00-7. The Objectors also state that CenturyTel's proposed tariff violates federal requirements for reciprocity pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(5) and for carriers

to negotiate interconnection agreements pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(1). The Objectors further assert that CenturyTel's tariff violates federal and state requirements that rates for interconnection be based on cost pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251(c) and 252(d), and 199 IAC 22.12 through 22.13. The Objectors also state that because the FCC is currently studying the validity of wireless termination tariffs,<sup>1</sup> the Board's approval of CenturyTel's proposed tariff is inappropriate at this time.

The Board finds that the proposed tariff should be docketed for further review. Docketing will allow CenturyTel the opportunity to respond to the objections raised and to ensure that the proposed tariff complies with the Board's decision in Docket No. SPU-00-7.

The Board will not establish a procedural schedule at this time, since with further review any issues concerning the proposed tariff may be resolved without the necessity of a formal proceeding.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The proposed tariff filed by CenturyTel of Postville, Inc. on May 29, 2003, identified as TF-03-165, is docketed for further review.

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<sup>1</sup> In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92, "Petition for Declaratory Ruling of T-Mobile USA, Inc.," filed Sept. 6, 2002.

2. CenturyTel of Postville, Inc., is requested to file a response to the objections raised by Verizon Wireless, U.S. Cellular, and AT&T Wireless Services on June 19, 2003, within 30 days of the date of this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003.