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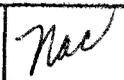
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Re: Compliance Filing of CenturyTel Solutions, LLC: Submission of Bond Pursuant to Decision No. 63638, Docket No. T-03902A-00-0509

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of CenturyTel Solutions, LLC ("CTS"), enclosed please find an original and ten (10) copies of CTS' performance bond for filing with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"). The enclosed bond in the amount of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) is submitted pursuant to the Commission's Decision No. 63638 in the above referenced docket to cover any prepayments or deposits collected from CTS' customers.

We would appreciate it if you would please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided herein. Should you have any comments or questions about this filing, please contact the Phyllis A. Whitten at (202) 424-7618.

Very truly yours,

Phyllis A. Whitten
Vickie S. Byrd

Counsel for CenturyTel Solutions, LLC

Enclosure

cc: Marta Kalleberg – Arizona Corporation Commission
Pat Williams – Arizona Corporation Commission
R. Stewart Ewing, Jr. – CenturyTel, Inc.
John Jones – CenturyTel, Inc.
Ron P. Johnson – CenturyTel Solutions, LLC

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

PERFORMANCE BOND

Bond Number 6126398

KNOW BY ALL THESE PRESENTS, That we CenturyTel Solutions, LLC as Principal, and Safeco Insurance Company of America, a corporation of the State of Washington, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Arizona Corporation Commission as Oblige, in the sum of One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars, (\$100,000.00) for which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, successors, administrators and assigns, firmly by these presents.

Signed, sealed, and dated this 26th day of July, 2001.

WHEREAS, the Principal has made application to the Arizona Corporation Commission for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") to provide competitive local exchange and exchange access service within Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the Principal has been granted authority to provide telecommunications service in Arizona under Decision No. 63638; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Corporation Commission, pursuant to Section 14-2-1105-D of the Arizona Administrative Code, ordered Principal in Decision No. 63638 to procure a bond sufficient to cover prepayments or deposits collected from the Principal's customers;

NOW, THEREFORE, The condition of this Obligation is such, that if the Principal shall perform all its obligations to the Arizona Corporation Commission as ordered in Decision No. 63638, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

THE LIABILITY OF THE SURETY upon this bond shall be and remain in full force and effect for the full period of the certificate or license issued to the Principal above named and of each and every renewal thereof, or new certificate or license issued for the same purpose to the Principal herein named, or until ten (10) days after the receipt by the Principal and Arizona Corporation Commission of a written notice by such Surety, or it or its authorized agent, stating the liability of such Surety is hereby terminated and canceled. Failure to continue any term shall not be construed to be nor shall be a default under this bond.

Agreed and Accepted by:

Laura Mary Kessler

Countersignature

Laura Mary Kessler

Marsh Inc.

3131 E. Camelback - Suite 400

Phoenix, AZ 85016

CenturyTel Solutions, LLC

By: *R. Stewart Ewing, Jr.*

Safeco Insurance Company of America

By: *Josephine D. LeBlanc*

Josephine D. LeBlanc, Attorney-in-Fact

No. 7496**KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That **SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA** and **GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**, each a Washington corporation, does each hereby appoint
*****KATHLEEN C. GREENBAUM; JOSEPHINE D. LEBLANC; JUDITH G. GRACI; OUIDA S. TURNER; LOIS EVERAGE; New Orleans, Louisiana*****

its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, with full authority to execute on its behalf fidelity and surety bonds or undertakings and other documents of a similar character issued in the course of its business, and to bind the respective company thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and **GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA** have each executed and attested these presents

this 8th day of May, 2000

R.A. PIERSON, SECRETARY



W. RANDALL STODDARD, PRESIDENT

CERTIFICATE

Extract from the By-Laws of **SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**
and of **GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**:

"Article V, Section 13. - FIDELITY AND SURETY BONDS ... the President, any Vice President, the Secretary, and any Assistant Vice President appointed for that purpose by the officer in charge of surety operations, shall each have authority to appoint individuals as attorneys-in-fact or under other appropriate titles with authority to execute on behalf of the company fidelity and surety bonds and other documents of similar character issued by the company in the course of its business... On any instrument making or evidencing such appointment, the signatures may be affixed by facsimile. On any instrument conferring such authority or on any bond or undertaking of the company, the seal, or a facsimile thereof, may be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, that the seal shall not be necessary to the validity of any such instrument or undertaking."

Extract from a Resolution of the Board of Directors of **SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**
and of **GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA** adopted July 28, 1970.

"On any certificate executed by the Secretary or an assistant secretary of the Company setting out,

- (i) The provisions of Article V, Section 13 of the By-Laws, and
- (ii) A copy of the power-of-attorney appointment, executed pursuant thereto, and
- (iii) Certifying that said power-of-attorney appointment is in full force and effect,

the signature of the certifying officer may be by facsimile, and the seal of the Company may be a facsimile thereof."

I, R.A. Pierson, Secretary of **SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA** and of **GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**, do hereby certify that the foregoing extracts of the By-Laws and of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of these corporations, and of a Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto, are true and correct, and that both the By-Laws, the Resolution and the Power of Attorney are still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the facsimile seal of said corporation

this 26th day of July, 2001

R.A. PIERSON, SECRETARY