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RE: **AMENDMENT TO STAFF REPORT:**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CENTURYTEL SOLUTIONS, LLC, FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE FACILITIES-BASED AND RESOLD LOCAL EXCHANGE AND INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA AND PETITION FOR COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION OF PROPOSED SERVICES. (DOCKET NO. T-03902A-00-0509)

On July 14, 2000, CenturyTel Solutions, LLC ("CenturyTel" or "Applicant") filed an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CC&N) to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange services and access service in the State of Arizona. A Staff Report was docketed on January 23, 2001. On March 28, 2001, a hearing was held in this matter. Staff would like to update the Staff Report filed on January 23, 2001, with the following performance bond procedures as discussed at the hearing. The following should be added to page 11 (section 5.1) of the Staff Report as a condition.

1. In order to protect the Applicant's customers,
 - a. the Applicant should be ordered to procure a performance bond equal to \$100,000. The minimum bond amount of \$100,000 should be increased if at any time it would be insufficient to cover prepayments or deposits collected from the Applicant's customers;
 - b. if the Applicant desires to discontinue service, it should file an application with the Commission pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1107;
 - c. the Applicant should be required to notify each of its customers and the Commission 60 days prior to filing an application to discontinue service pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1107; and any failure to do so should result in forfeiture of the Applicant's performance bond;
 - d. proof of the performance bond should be docketed within 90 days of the effective date of an order in this matter or 30 days prior to the provision of service, whichever comes first, and must remain in effect; however

- e. after one year of operation under the CC&N granted by the Commission, Staff recommends that the Applicant be allowed to file a request for cancellation of its established performance bond. Such request should be accompanied by information demonstrating the Applicant's financial viability. Upon receipt of such filing and after Staff review, Staff will forward its recommendation to the Commission.

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