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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION RECEIVED

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6 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION AND)
7 PETITION OF CENTURYTEL SOLUTIONS, LLC)
8 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND)
9 NECESSITY TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE)
INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES IN ARIZONA.)

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**STAFF'S RESPONSE TO
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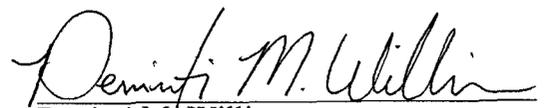
10 On March 28, 2001, ALJ Stephen Gibelli ("Hearing Officer") held a hearing on
11 CenturyTel Solutions, LLC's (the "Applicant") Application to provide services in the State of
12 Arizona. In its Application, the Applicant submitted a letter of guarantee from its parent
13 company, agreeing to financially back the Applicant in the event that it experiences financial
14 difficulty. However, during the hearing, the Hearing Officer, because the Applicant's personal
15 financials would require the posting of a performance bond, and considering the new
16 Commission policy on performance bonds, requested that the Applicant submit updated solvent
17 financials, or a letter stating that it would procure a performance bond, as a condition for the
18 granting of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.

19 On April 5, 2001, the Applicant filed a letter stipulating that it would, if the Commission
20 so ordered, procure a performance bond as a condition to providing services in the State of
21 Arizona. Although Staff initially allowed the Applicant's letter of guarantee from its financially
22 sound parent company to stand in place of the requirement of a performance bond, Staff, due to
23 the recently adopted Commission performance bond policy prohibiting the use of letters of
24 guarantee from financially sound parent companies in place of the requirement of performance
25 bonds for their subsidiaries, must amend its Staff Report and now recommend that the Applicant
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of April 2001.



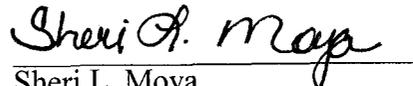
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