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Re: In the Matter of the Application and Petition of CenturyTel Solutions, LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Provide Competitive Intrastate Telecommunications Services (Docket No. T-03902A-00-0509)

Dear Sir or Madam:

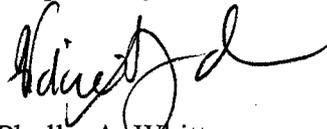
At the request of Administrative Law Judge Stephen Gibelli of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") and on behalf of CenturyTel Solutions, LLC ("CTS"), this filing is being submitted as a late-filed exhibit to be associated with the Commission's review of CTS' Application and Petition for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Provide Competitive Intrastate Telecommunications Services ("Application") in Arizona.

On March 28, 2001, ALJ Stephen Gibelli presided over a hearing on CTS' Application. During the certification hearing, ALJ Gibelli directed CTS to submit updated financials for CTS, or a letter stating that CTS is not opposed to a requirement that CTS procure a performance bond as a condition to any certificate granted to CTS to provide services. Applicant, as a subsidiary of its parent, CenturyTel, Inc. ("CTI"), currently does not have available separate financial statements to file with this Commission. As noted in its Application, however, CTS has access to the financial assets necessary to provide services in Arizona. During an initial transition period, CTS will rely upon the sizable financial assets of CTI to ensure that it has sufficient capital to maintain its proposed operations in Arizona. CTI has submitted a letter of guarantee for CTS' financial obligations and it stands by that guarantee. CTI's SEC Form 10-K for 1999 and its most recent SEC Form 10-Q, which are a part of the record in this proceeding, demonstrate that CTS has more than adequate resources to provide the proposed services in Arizona. The Commission's Staff Report, filed on January 23, 2001, recognizes that CTS "has sufficient financial strength to offer the requested telecommunications services in Arizona." Anthony Gatto of the Commission Staff testified in support of the Staff Report during the certification hearing in this proceeding.

Accordingly, CTS respectfully submits that its resources demonstrate that it possesses the financial qualifications to provide telecommunications services in the State of Arizona and elsewhere. Notwithstanding, CTS also formally stipulates that, if the Commission so orders, it is not opposed to obtaining a performance bond as a condition to providing services in the State of Arizona.

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Respectfully submitted,



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