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Docket Control Center  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Application 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:

On behalf of CenturyTel Solutions, LLC ("CTS"), and pursuant to Staff's Request for further information dated November 8, 2000, transmitted herewith are an original and 10 copies of CTS' responses.

To process CTS' application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") to provide competitive intrastate telecommunications services in the State of Arizona, Staff requested additional information relating to the fair value rate base for CTS' proposed services. Specifically, CTS was directed to provide the following information: (1) projections for total revenues for the first twelve months of service; (2) projected value of total operating expenses for the first twelve months of service; and (3) projected value of all assets to be used to provide telecommunications service to Arizona customers for the first twelve months of service.

**Projected Revenues**

The initial rates for local exchange service set forth in CTS' tariff filed with its application are illustrative in nature. Accordingly, CTS is not able to provide projected total revenues for its first twelve months of providing service in the State of Arizona. CTS, however, does not plan to charge higher rates than are charged by the incumbent LECs ("ILECs") for the same or comparable services. Once CTS files its final tariff reflecting its actual initial and maximum prices for service, CTS will submit information detailing its projected total revenues for the first twelve months of service.

**Projected Operating Expenses**

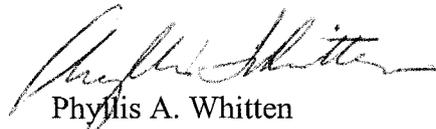
CTS has not yet developed specific plans or projections for its operating expenses in the State of Arizona. Accordingly, CTS is not able to provide information concerning its projected value of total operating expenses for the first twelve months of service.

**Projected Value of Assets**

CTS currently does not have any plant, equipment, or similar assets that are intended to be used to provide telecommunications service to Arizona customers. CTS also has not yet developed projections regarding Arizona plant and equipment. Therefore, CTS is not able to provide projections for assets that are intended to be used to provide telecommunications service in Arizona for the first twelve months of service.

Please date stamp the extra copy of this filing, and return it in the enclosed stamped self-addressed envelope. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 424-7618 or Vickie S. Byrd at (202) 295-8420.

Respectfully submitted,



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