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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF CENTURYTEL LONG DISTANCE, LLC,
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS APPLICATION
TO DISCONTINUE AND/OR ABANDON
LOCAL EXCHANGE AND INTER-
EXCHANGE SERVICES IN ARIZONA

**VERIFIED APPLICATION OF
CENTURYTEL LONG DISTANCE,
LLC, TO DISCONTINUE ITS
COMPETITIVE RESOLD
INTRASTATE TOLL
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
AND TO CANCEL ITS CC&N**

CenturyTel Long Distance LLC ("CenturyTel LD"), through undersigned counsel, hereby files its Application to Discontinue and/or Abandon Competitive Resold Intrastate Toll Communication Services, pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code R-14-2-1107.

On January 14, 1999, CenturyTel LD filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC) an Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate" or "CC&N") to provide competitive resold intrastate toll telecommunications services in Arizona. On August 27, 1999, the ACC approved CenturyTel LD's application in Decision No. 61899.

On October 31, 2005, CenturyTel of the Southwest, Inc., an affiliate of CenturyTel LD, entered into an asset purchase agreement with Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. ("HTI"), a wholly-owned, incorporated enterprise of the Hopi Tribe, and thereafter filed an application with this Commission for approval of the sale and transfer of certain telecommunications assets and cancellation of its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity. That application is currently before the Commission. Because CenturyTel of the Southwest, Inc. is exiting the telecommunications market in Arizona, CenturyTel LD has decided to exit the Arizona market as well, and to discontinue long-distance service in its service area.

CenturyTel LD certifies that all of its affected customers have been notified of the proposed discontinuance or abandonment, and that all affected customers have been provided

1 with information to enable them to choose an alternative local exchange service provider or
2 inter-exchange service provider. CenturyTel LD will also publish notice in a newspaper of
3 general circulation and will file the appropriate Affidavit of Publication upon completion. (See
4 Affidavit of Kimberly Dupree, attached hereto as Exhibit A.)

5 CenturyTel LD also certifies that no customer deposits are held by CenturyTel LD.
6 CenturyTel LD also certifies that it has provided in its notice the contact information for
7 customers to call and change to another long distance provider. *Id.* The service center will have
8 a list of all providers of long distance available in their area.

9 WHEREFORE, CenturyTel respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order as
10 follows:

- 11 A. Approval of CenturyTel LD's Application to Discontinue and/or Abandon Local
12 Exchange and Inter-Exchange Services, pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code R-14-2-1107;
13 B. Cancellation of CenturyTel LD's CC&N; and
14 C. Cancellation of CenturyTel LD's tariffs on file with the Commission.

15 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 6th day of March, 2006.

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23 Attorneys for CenturyTel LD, LLC.

24 ORIGINAL and 13 copies of the foregoing
25 filed this 6th day of March, 2006, with:

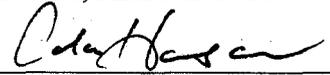
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1 A COPY of the foregoing was hand-delivered
2 this 6th day of March, 2006, to:

3 Lyn Farmer, Chief Administrative Law Judge
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Exhibit A

AFFIDAVIT OF KIM DUPREE

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STATE OF LOUISIANA)
County or Parish of Ouachita) ss.

Kim Dupree upon her oath, says:

1. This Affidavit certifies the information contained in CenturyTel Long Distance, LLC's Application to discontinue its competitive resold intrastate toll communication services and to cancel its CC&N.

2. I am the Product Manager-Long Distance of CenturyTel Long Distance, LLC ("CenturyTel LD").

3. CenturyTel LD certifies that all of its affected customers have been notified of the proposed discontinuance of service, and that all affected customers have been provided with information to enable them to choose an alternative local exchange service provider or inter-exchange service provider.

4. CenturyTel LD will also publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation and will file the appropriate Affidavit of Publication upon completion.

5. CenturyTel LD also certifies that no customer deposits are held by CenturyTel LD and that there are no advances in aid of construction refunds outstanding.

6. CenturyTel LD also certifies that it has provided in its notice a contact number and will be provided a list of all utilities providing the same or similar services within the geographic area served by CenturyTel LD when the customers call in.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kim Dupree

Kim Dupree

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, a notary public, this ___ day of March, 2006, by Kim Dupree, as Product Manager-Long Distance of CenturyTel Long Distance, LLC.

Charles M. Foster

Notary Public
CHARLES M. FOSTER
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My Commission Expires:
AT DEATH
