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RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CENTURYTEL LONG DISTANCE, LLC, FOR CANCELLATION OF ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR COMPETITIVE RESOLD INTRASTATE TOLL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (DOCKET NO. T-03687A-06-0134)

Attached is the Staff Report for the Application of CenturyTel Long Distance, LLC for cancellation of its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Resold Intrastate Toll Communications Services. Staff recommends approval of the Application.

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CENTURYTEL LONG DISTANCE, LLC

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Background

On August 27, 1999, the Commission, in Decision No. 61899, originally granted a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to CenturyTel Long Distance, LLC ("Century LD") to provide competitive resold intrastate toll communications services.

Century LD requests Commission approval to discontinue its provision of competitive resold intrastate toll communications services and that it cancel Century LD's CC&N.

Staff Analysis

On March 6, 2006 Century LD filed an Application to cancel its CC&N for competitive resold intrastate toll communications services and to be allowed to discontinue such service to its approximately 704 customers in the State of Arizona. In Decision No. 68652, dated April 12, 2006, the Commission approved the Application of its affiliated company CenturyTel of the Southwest, Inc. to sell and transfer its telecommunications assets in Arizona to Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. Because CenturyTel of the Southwest, Inc. is exiting the telecommunications market in Arizona, Century LD also decided to exit the Arizona market and discontinue long distance service in the State.

In its Application, Century LD states:

- The existing customers of Century LD have many other intrastate toll communications provider choices, and Century LD, upon request, will provide a list of alternate providers to customers.
- Century LD has sent a notification letter to its customers.
- Century LD has no outstanding customer deposits.

Since filing its application Century LD has provided Staff with an Affidavit of Publication of Notice of the application in the Navajo Times. Also, Staff has determined that Century LD is in good standing with the Corporations Division; and there are no outstanding customer complaints, inquires, or opinions regarding Century LD. Staff has reviewed the notice letter Century LD sent to its customers. Staff found the notice letter to be consistent with Commission rules and policies.

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Recommendations

Since there are many other alternative competitive intrastate toll communications providers available to Century LD's existing customers, Staff recommends that Century LD be allowed to discontinue service to its existing customers. Staff also recommends cancellation of the Century LD CC&N.