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COMMON CARRIER BUREAU GRANTS CENTURYTEL, INC. MOTION TO WITHDRAW PETITION FOR WAIVER OF 711 IMPLEMENTATION RULES

**CC DOCKET NO. 92-105
NSD File No. L-01-144**

On June 5, 2001, CenturyTel, Inc. (CenturyTel) filed a petition for waiver of the Commission's rules requiring all telecommunications carriers to implement by October 1, 2001 nationwide access to telecommunications relay services (TRS) for persons with hearing and speech disabilities via the abbreviated dialing code 711.¹ CenturyTel sought to exclude from the requirement 15 switches that it had determined could not be upgraded to handle 711 calls by the October 1, 2001 deadline.² CenturyTel stated that these switches were not suitable for upgrading and proposed a plan to replace the switches by the fourth quarter of 2002.

The Common Carrier Bureau released a Public Notice on August 24, 2001 seeking comment on CenturyTel's petition for waiver.³ On September 4, 2001, due to changed circumstances, CenturyTel filed a motion to withdraw the petition for waiver without prejudice.⁴ After filing its petition for waiver, CenturyTel hired a consultant that was able to modify the 15 switches to handle 711 calls. CenturyTel has completed preliminary testing of the 15 switches and has determined that they can now properly process 711 calls. We therefore grant CenturyTel's motion to withdraw its petition for waiver of the 711 implementation rules without prejudice.

For further information contact Tania Cho of the Common Carrier Bureau, Network Services Division at (202)418-2320 (voice), (202)418-0484 (TTY) or tcho@fcc.gov.

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¹ *The Use of N11 Codes and Other Abbreviated Dialing Arrangements*, Second Report and Order, CC Docket No. 92-105, 15 FCC Rcd 15188 (2000).

² *CenturyTel, Inc. Petition for Waiver of 711 Implementation Rules*, CC Docket No. 92-105 (filed June 5, 2001).

³ *Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on the Petition for Waiver of 711 Implementation Rules Filed by CenturyTel, Inc.*, CC Docket No. 92-105, Public Notice, DA 01-1994 (rel. Aug. 24, 2001).

⁴ *CenturyTel, Inc. Motion to Withdraw Petition for Waiver of 711 Implementation Rules*, CC Docket No. 92-105 (filed Sept. 4, 2001)

