

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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FROM: CAROLEE HALL

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2011

RE: CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC. UPDATING CERTIFICATE NO. 227 TO REFLECT ITS LEGAL ENTITY NAME OF CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC. DBA CENTURLINK. CASE NO. CGS-T-11-03.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On May 5, 1956, Certificate No. 227 was issued to Gem State Utilities Corp. On April 24, 2003, Gem State Utilities Corporation submitted a request to change its name to CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. The Company requested that the Commission reflect the name change on its current certificate with the Secretary of State's office. On April 25, 2003, the Commission authorized the name change from Gem State Utilities Corporation to CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. through a Minute Order.

On September 22, 2009, CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. submitted Tariff Advice No. 09-01 seeking approval to register its assumed business name, CenturyLink. The Company submitted tariff title sheets reflecting the assumed business name. Unfortunately, there was never a Decision Memo or Commission Order authorizing this name change.

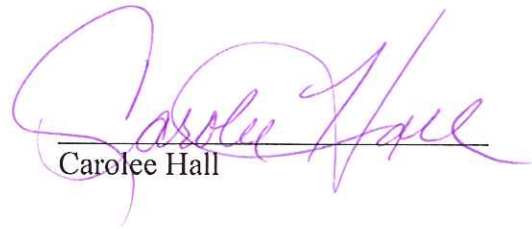
On August 23, 2011, the Company submitted a letter seeking Commission authority to update its Certificate of Assumed Business Name that is currently on file with the Secretary of State. The entity name should be CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. dba CenturyLink. According to the Company the assumed business name has been on file since July 28, 2009.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the name changes and filings and recommends the Commission amend Certificate No. 227 to reflect the name change to CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. dba CenturyLink.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission agree?



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