



May 12, 2015

Via ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TWA325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Objection to CenturyLink Short Term Network Change Notification,
Disclosure Number 15-001

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By and through counsel, Socket Telecom, LLC (“Socket”), a competitive local exchange carrier based in Columbia, Missouri, issues the following objection to CenturyLink’s Short Term Network Change Notification, Disclosure Number 15-001, filed on April 9, 2015.

Socket is a competitive local exchange carrier providing telephony and Internet services to 20,000 residents and businesses in more than four hundred Missouri towns and cities. Socket is interconnected with CenturyLink (former CenturyTel), the incumbent local exchange carrier in Columbia, Missouri, via central office collocation in wire center CLMAMO. 15-001 states:

Growth in distribution area requires CenturyLink to cut facilities to fiber fed digital loop carrier system (DLC). After the cut to DLC, copper reliant services, such as non-loaded copper loops will not be supported. All other types of unbundled loops will still be available.¹

The network changes proposed by 15-001, and set for June 30, 2015, would prevent Socket from serving customers in that rate center. Socket provides a variety of services to these customers including local/long distance telephone service as well as broadband Internet via DSL and dedicated Internet. Socket is currently in the construction planning stage to expand its network facilities, including economic and engineering studies, to extend its existing fiber to serve the affected customers. Socket will finish these studies as soon as possible. Socket will need six months to complete construction, testing, installation, and confirm service delivery.

¹ <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=60001042824>

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As such, Socket requests a six month delay in the implementation of CenturyLink's network changes until December 30, 2015. If Socket completes the work earlier, Socket will notify CenturyLink that it can proceed with the retirement.

CenturyLink's appointed contact for this objection has been copied on this letter and will be served via email and hand delivery. If there are any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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