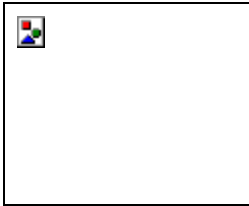


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Re: Designation of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Under Part 54 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations 05-TI-162

Transfer of ETC Status from Ameritech to CenturyTel-Kendall for 19 Exchanges

Dear Mr. Steffes and Ms. Joanis:

At its open meeting of November 24, 1998, the Commission made the determination described below with respect to the designation of Eligible Telecommunication Carrier (ETC) status.

Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin (Ameritech), is selling 19 exchanges to CenturyTel of the Midwest-Kendall, Inc. (Century). The exchanges are: Ashland, Baraboo, Bayfield, Berlin, Cornell, Green Lake, Hurley, Ladysmith, Marinette, Mazomanie, North Freedom, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Peshtigo, Princeton, Red Granite, Stanley, Superior, and Washburn. The sale will become effective December 1, 1998.

Century has requested status as an ETC effective November 30, 1998. The request has been filed in accord with the December 23, 1997, order in docket 05-TI-162. Therefore, CenturyTel of the Midwest-Kendall, Inc., is designated as an ETC for those exchanges, effective November 30, 1998.

Ameritech has requested that it be allowed to relinquish ETC status for those exchanges effective December 1, 1998. That request has also been filed in accord with the order in docket 05-TI-162, and given that at least one other company will have ETC status for each of those exchanges on the effective date, the request can be granted without further proceedings. Therefore, Ameritech will not be designated as an ETC for those exchanges effective December 1, 1998.

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If you have any questions or comments on this matter, please contact Peter R. Jahn at (608) 267-2338, or via e-mail at *jahnp@psc.state.wi.us*.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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See attached Notice of Appeal Rights.

Notice of Appeal Rights

Notice is hereby given that a person aggrieved by the foregoing decision has the right to file a petition for judicial review as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.53. The petition must be filed within 30 days after the date of mailing of this decision. That date is shown on the first page. If there is no date on the first page, the date of mailing is shown immediately above the signature line. The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin must be named as respondent in the petition for judicial review.

Notice is further given that, if the foregoing decision is an order following a proceeding which is a contested case as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3), a person aggrieved by the order has the further right to file one petition for rehearing as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. The petition must be filed within 20 days of the date of mailing of this decision.

If this decision is an order after rehearing, a person aggrieved who wishes to appeal must seek judicial review rather than rehearing. A second petition for rehearing is not an option.

This general notice is for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Wis. Stat. § 227.48(2), and does not constitute a conclusion or admission that any particular party or person is necessarily aggrieved or that any particular decision or order is final or judicially reviewable.

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