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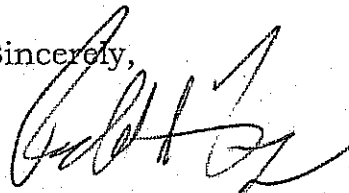
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Re: ARB 830 – Centurytel of Oregon, Inc.’s Reply to Sprint
Communications Company L.P.’S Motion to Strike

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed are the original and five copies of the Centurytel of Oregon,
Inc.’s Reply to Sprint Communications Company L.P.’S Motion to Strike
and Certificate of Service for the above-referenced matter.

Sincerely,



RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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5 BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
6 OF OREGON

7 ARB 830

8 In the Matter of

9 SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY
10 L.P.

11 Petition For Arbitration of an Interconnection
12 Agreement with CENTURYTEL OF
OREGON, INC.

CENTURYTEL OF OREGON, INC.'S REPLY
TO SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY
L.P.'S MOTION TO STRIKE

13 On July 29, 2008, Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") electronically filed a Motion
14 to Strike a portion of the Surreply Brief filed by CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc. ("CenturyTel") on July 28,
15 2008. Pursuant to the authority of OAR 860-013-0050, CenturyTel files this Reply to the Motion to
16 Strike.
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18 In its Motion to Strike, Sprint alleges that the second full paragraph on Page 2 of the Surreply is
19 not authorized under the Commission's July 24, 2008, Ruling. That is not the case.

20 As explained in the Surreply Brief, CenturyTel began its analysis of Sprint's Reply Brief by
21 comparing that Reply Brief with Sprint's reply brief filed on the very same issues in Arkansas. Given
22 the variation between the two briefs, with new citations and arguments advanced in Sprint's Reply Brief
23 filed in Oregon, CenturyTel was placed in a dilemma which arose solely from Sprint's actions.

24 CenturyTel was unable to determine on the face of Sprint's Reply Brief whether the additional material
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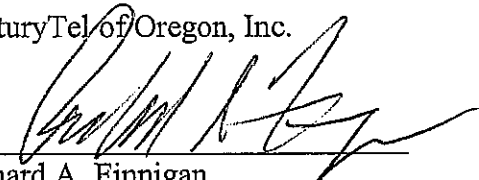
1 was filed because Sprint had the opportunity to review CenturyTel's Reply Brief in advance of filing its
2 own reply brief or whether Sprint had deliberately withheld certain arguments from its Opening Brief.

3 In light of the Judge's articulated scope of her ruling allowing the surreply, CenturyTel respected
4 her ruling and was candid in its recitation of the actions that CenturyTel believed to be proper. Thus, the
5 second paragraph on Page 2 of the Surreply Brief is an explanation of the reasons for CenturyTel's
6 conclusion that it was constrained from addressing the substance of Sprint's Reply Brief additions, given
7 that CenturyTel could not prove that the additions were the direct result of Sprint's opportunity to
8 review CenturyTel's Reply Brief. As a result, Sprint should not be heard to complain about that
9 explanation. While Sprint disagrees with CenturyTel's view of Sprint's conduct, CenturyTel's
10 explanation of its action in response to the ruling of the Judge is not a proper basis for a motion to strike.
11 Sprint's motion should be denied.

12 Dated this 1st day of August, 2008.

13 Respectfully submitted,

14 CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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I certify that I have this day sent the attached Centurytel of Oregon, Inc.'s Reply to Sprint Communications Company L.P.'s Motion to Strike by electronic mail and Federal Express to the following:

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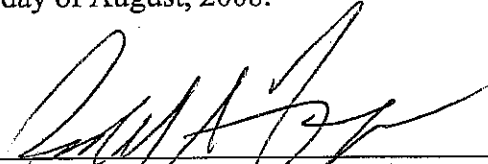
I further certify that I have this day sent the attached Centurytel of Oregon, Inc.'s Reply to Sprint Communications Company L.P.'s Motion to Strike by the method specified below and electronic mail pursuant to OAR 860-013-0070, to the following parties or attorneys of parties:

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