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Via Hand Delivery

Chairman Eddie Roberson c/o Ms. Sharla Dillon Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

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In Re: Joint Application of Embarq Corporation and CenturyTel, Inc. Regarding Transfers of Control of United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a Embarq, Embarq Communications, Inc. and Embarq Payphone Services, Inc. Docket No. 08-00219

Dear Chairman Roberson:

Enclosed please find an original and six (6) copies of the Proposed Procedural Schedule of Embarq Corporation and CenturyTel, Inc. with regard to the above matter. This document also is being filed electronically today with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority Docket Manager, Sharla Dillon.

Please stamp two (2) copies of this document as "filed" and return them to me by way of our courier.

Should you have any questions concerning any of the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

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In Re:)	
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of United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a Embarq,)	
Embarg Communications, Inc. and Embarq)	
Payphone Services, Inc.)	

$\frac{PROPOSED\ PROCEDURAL\ SCHEDULE}{OF\ CENTURYTEL/EMBARQ}$

February 9	Status Conference – Deadline for procedural schedule, issues list, and protective order Decision of pending motions to intervene
February 16	Deadline for any petition to intervene
February 20	Discovery requests served, all parties
February 27	Discovery Responses served, all parties
March 6	Direct testimony served by all parties
March 20	Rebuttal testimony served by all parties
March 23	Pre-hearing conference
Week of April 6	Hearing. Parties will notify the TRA prior to March 30 if witnesses can be stipulated without a live hearing
April 20 or May 4	TRA Deliberations

Respectfully submitted,

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