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April 21, 1999

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RE: **CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc.**
CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc.
CenturyTel of Ooletwah-Collegedale, Inc.
IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Plan

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Dear Ms Standley:

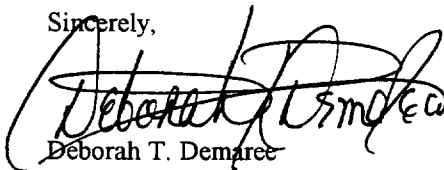
Pursuant to the FCC Order 99-54, enclosed is the IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Plan for the above listed company. This filing is to implement the IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Plan as outlined in the attached.

We respectfully request that the IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Plan be accepted with the conversion implementation effective date of July 20, 1999. Please have the Commission hold this plan in abeyance until June 20, 1999 before granting approval. This will allow us to meet our timelines for the thirty day (30) implementation after approval of parity plan as referenced in the aforementioned FCC Order. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

The required filing fee for the three (3) companies listed above, is enclosed.

Please stamp and return to me upon approval. If you need further information or have any questions, please call me at (318) 362-1783. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Plan

The following *IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Plan* has been developed consistent with provisions of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) Order, FCC 99-54, adopted March 19, 1999 which is based on the United States Supreme Court overturning, in part, the rulings of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit which tried to set aside dialing parity rules pertaining to intraLATA telecommunications traffic. This plan does not apply in those instances where a LEC has not yet offered interLATA equal access. This plan is being submitted to the Tennessee Public Service Commission (Commission) for its information and approval. Implementation of IntraLATA toll dialing parity is dependent upon Commission approval.

The effective date of IntraLATA 1+ equal access for the company is expected to be the conversion implementation date of July 20, 1999.

The filing of this plan does not preclude CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc., CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc., or CenturyTel of Ooletwah-Collegedale, Inc. from exercising any of their rights to Suspension or Modification under §251(f)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

I. Toll Dialing Parity Implementation Schedule

Pending Commission approvals as outlined above, the Company will implement intraLATA 1+ equal access on July 20, 1999.

II. IntraLATA Presubscription Methodology

The *Full 2-PIC* (Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier) option shall be the methodology used to provide customers with a full range of choices in selecting their intraLATA 1+/0+ toll provider. Under this option, the customer may select a toll/interexchange carrier for its intrastate intraLATA calling and a separate toll/interexchange carrier for its interLATA calls.

III. Calls Subject to IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity

Intrastate intraLATA 1+ and 0+ toll calls originating in an exchange shall be subject to the intraLATA toll dialing parity provisions.

IV. Customers Eligible For IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity

If technically feasible, all end user customers subscribing to a LEC's local exchange service offerings shall be eligible for intraLATA dialing parity.

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V. IntraLATA Toll Carrier At Outset

Until a customer affirmatively chooses another intrastate intraLATA toll/interexchange carrier, intraLATA toll calls which are not prefaced with 101XXXXX shall be carried by the Company's designated toll/interexchange carrier(s) which will be BellSouth. There will be no balloting of customers.

VI. Implementation Schedule

The Company will implement toll dialing parity on July 20, 1999, subject to Commission approval of this IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Plan.

The steps are as follows:

1. Provide notification by April 30, 1999 with a response suspense date of June 1, 1999, a minimum of thirty days (30) prior to the conversion to IntraLATA 1+ toll dialing parity, to all those toll/interexchange carriers which presently offer Feature Group D service in the applicable end office(s).
2. Notify subscribers of the availability of intraLATA 1+ toll dialing parity not less than thirty (30) days in the May 28, June 1, and June 10 billing cycles, prior to conversion.
3. Initially assign all subscribers to the designated toll/interexchange carrier, subject to receipt of a request to the contrary from a subscriber, or a "Letter of Agency" (LOA) from an authorized toll/interexchange carrier. An IXC may not forward LOAs to the Company earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the conversion. Letter of Agency contacts shall only be honored from those toll/interexchange carriers first executing an LOA Agreement, which, among other things, acknowledges the toll/interexchange carrier's obligation to follow federally prescribed rules (including, without limitation, "anti-slamming" rules, as described in Section IX below).
4. Customers that are provided local service subsequent to the implementation of intraLATA 1+ toll dialing parity, will be able to select an intraLATA toll/interexchange carrier using the same procedure currently followed to select an interLATA interexchange carrier.

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VII. Cost Recovery

CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc., CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc., and CenturyTel of Ooletwah-Collegedale, Inc. will file for approval with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority an Equal Access Impact Recovery Plan that will be developed and implemented in coordination with IntraLATA Presubscription.

VIII. Charges for Selection/Assignment of Carrier & Unauthorized PIC Change

The Company shall not impose any charge on the customer for the customer's initial selection of a carrier other than the designated toll/interexchange carrier, to carry the customer's intraLATA toll calls. This shall also apply in the 90-day period immediately following the implementation date (grace period ending on October 20, 1999).

Charges imposed upon a customer for changing the customer's Presubscribed carrier for its intraLATA toll calls, and charges applicable to toll providers related to Unauthorized PIC Changes, are to be those set forth in the Intrastate Access Service tariff on file with the Commission, and in effect at the time. (It is contemplated that such PIC charge will be \$5.00, and an Unauthorized PIC Change charge of \$35.65, applicable to both residence and business lines, as provided for in NECA Tariff FCC No. 5.) It should be understood that the Unauthorized PIC Change charge is intended as an assessment to toll providers, not to subscribers.

IX. Anti-Slamming

IntraLATA toll dialing parity shall be subject to the same anti-slamming and dispute resolution procedures that the FCC has set forth for interLATA presubscription. IntraLATA toll dialing parity shall also be subject to the provisions of Section 258 of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as provided for by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and any regulations adopted by the FCC or the Commission addressing unauthorized changes in subscriber carrier selections.