

**CenturyTel Operating Companies**

**Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 7**

**Transmittal No. 82**

***Description and Justification***

The CenturyTel Operating Companies (CTOC) hereby submit the following information in support of the accompanying tariff filing, as required by Sections 61.38 and 61.49(f)(3) of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations.

This filing is being made on 15 days' notice under the Federal Communications Commission's streamlined filing procedures and introduces a Fixed Rate Term Plan (FRTP) for special access DS3 high capacity service in various operating territories reflected in CTOC Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 7.

***1.0 Fixed Rate Term Plan***

CTOC proposes to introduce a Fixed Rate Term Plan (FRTP) for special access DS3 high capacity service in various operating territories with CTOC Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 7. The FRTP is offered under a minimum term commitment period of seven (7) years. For CTOC Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1 and 7, the current monthly rates for channel termination and channel mileage rate elements are reduced by a fixed percentage. Under CTOC Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 2 and 3, specific FRTP rates for individual DS3 channel termination and channel mileage rate elements have been provided. All DS3 circuits ordered under the FRTP will begin in month one. Nonrecurring charges will not apply to DS3 circuits installed under the FRTP and the monthly recurring rates will be excluded from any Telephone Company initiated rate increases for the seven (7) year term commitment period service date for each DS3 circuit.

***2.0 Conclusion***

The CenturyTel operating companies are submitting the accompanying tariff revisions in accordance with the Commission's Rules governing the provision of interstate access services.