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U.S. Patent & TMO/TM Mail Rcpt Dt. #11

Re: *Nextel Communications, Inc. v. CenturyTel, Inc.*
Cancellation No. 92045089 - 76,086,559

Dear Sirs:

We enclose for filing an Answer to Petition for Cancellation.

No fee is believed necessary. The Commissioner for Trademarks is hereby authorized to draw on the deposit account of Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck, Account No. 02-2135, if a fee is deemed necessary.

Please call if there are any questions.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Nextel Communications, Inc.,

Petitioner,

v.

CenturyTel, Inc.,

Respondent

Cancellation No. 92045089



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ANSWER TO PETITION FOR CANCELLATION

CenturyTel Corporation, as and for its answer to the Petition for Cancellation,
responds as follows:

1. Registrant admits the allegations of paragraph 1 of the Petition for Cancellation.
2. Registrant admits that it first used Direct Talk as a mark at least as early as June 29, 2000.
3. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 3 of the petition for cancellation.
4. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 4 of the petition for cancellation.
5. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 5 (a)–(d) of the petition for cancellation.
6. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 6 of the petition for cancellation.

7. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 7 of the petition for cancellation.

8. Registrant admits the allegations of paragraph 8 of the Petition for Cancellation.

9. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 9 of the petition for cancellation.

10. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 10 of the petition for cancellation.

11. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 11 of the petition for cancellation.

12. Registrant hereby incorporates by reference its responses to paragraphs 1-11 of the petition for cancellation.

13. Registrant admits the allegations of paragraph 13 of the petition for cancellation.

14. Registrant denies the allegations of paragraph 14 of the petition for cancellation.

15. Registrant denies the allegations of paragraph 15 of the petition for cancellation.

16. Registrant hereby incorporates by reference its responses to paragraphs 1-15 of the petition for cancellation.

17. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 17 of the petition for cancellation.

18. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 18 of the petition for cancellation.

19. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 19 of the petition for cancellation.

20. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 20 of the petition for cancellation.

21. To the extent it understands what is meant by the term “substantially similar,” Registrant denies the allegations of paragraph 21 of the petition for cancellation.

22. Registrant denies the allegations of paragraph 22 of the petition for cancellation.

23. Registrant admits that its Registration No. 2,606,643 constitutes *prima facie* evidence of its exclusive right to use the mark DIRECT TALK in commerce.

Registrant denies the remaining allegations of the petition for cancellation.

24. Registrant hereby incorporates by reference its responses to paragraphs 1-23 of the petition for cancellation.

25. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 25 of the petition for cancellation.

26. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 26 of the petition for cancellation.

27. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 27 of the petition for cancellation.

28. Registrant denies the allegations of paragraph 28 of the petition for cancellation.

29. Registrant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of allegations of paragraph 29 of the petition for cancellation.

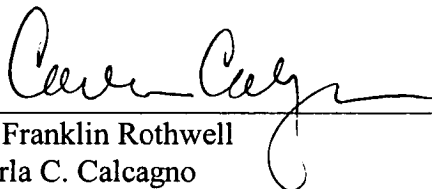
30. Registrant admits that its Registration No. 2,606,643 constitutes *prima facie* evidence of its exclusive right to use the mark DIRECT TALK in commerce.

Registrant denies the remaining allegations of the petition for cancellation.

Wherefore, Registrant respectfully requests that the Petition for Cancellation be dismissed with prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

CENTURYTEL, INC.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing ANSWER TO PETITION FOR CANCELLATION was served by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on this 10th day of January, 2006 to Edward W. Gray, Jr., Morrison & Foerster LLP, 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 5500, Washington, DC 20006



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