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Ms. Vickie S. Byrd  
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RE: CenturyTel Solutions, LLC (Docket No. 00-00075)

Dear Ms. Byrd:

The Tennessee Regulatory Authority is reviewing of the application of CenturyTel Solutions, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange and exchange access telecommunications services throughout the State of Tennessee.

According to TCA §65-4-201(d). "Subsection (c) is not applicable to areas served by an incumbent local exchange telephone company with fewer than 100,000 total access lines in this state unless such company voluntarily enters into an interconnection agreement with a competing telecommunications service provider or unless such incumbent local exchange telephone company applies for a certificate to provide telecommunications services in an area outside its service area existing on the June 6, 1995."

The Applicant's request for statewide authority, under TCA §65-4-201(c), is for initial market coverage in the adjacent operating areas of its protected ILEC affiliates. The Authority respectfully request briefs regarding whether the granting of the certificate of public convenience and necessity will end the protection of CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc., CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc., and CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc. under TCA §65-4-201(d).

Please submit the requested briefs by November 17, 2000. If you have any questions, please contact this office at (615) 741-2904 (ext. 132).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Waddell', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

David Waddell  
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