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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

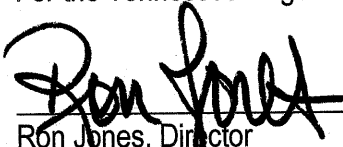**DOCKET NO.:**   **03-00502**

IN RE: Workshop to Gather Information from the Telecommunications Industry Related to Preventing Violations Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-21-114

DATE: **October 13, 2003**

On August 4, 2003, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority convened the above-styled docket "to gather information and input from the telecommunications industry related to preventing violations of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-21-114."[1] On September 16, 2003, Director Ron Jones, acting as Moderator, issued a *Notice of Filing* to all facilities-based providers and resellers of telecommunications services certificated in the State of Tennessee. In the notice, the Moderator requested responses by October 6, 2003 to several questions designed to result in a list of topics to be discussed at a face-to-face workshop.

Having received a large number of responses providing explanations of the difficulties faced by carriers when attempting to comply with Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-114, why some carriers fail to comply with Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-114, and the various methods used to comply with Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-114, the Moderator schedules a Workshop meeting for **Friday, November 7, 2003 from 1:00p.m. until 5:00p.m.** The workshop will be held in Nashville, Tennessee at a specific location to be announced by subsequent notice. A preliminary agenda is attached hereto. If you wish to participate in the workshop discussions, please contact Martha Tria at 615-741-3668 or martha.tria@state.tn.us by **Tuesday, October 21, 2003** to confirm your attendance.

For the Tennessee Regulatory Authority:

Ron Jones, Director
Acting as Moderator

cc: Facilities-based providers and resellers of telecommunications services certificated in the State of Tennessee

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[1] *In re: Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State Tariff to Clarify Language – Tariff Number 2003592,* Docket No. 03-00410, *Order Conditionally Approving Tariff and Initiating "Workshop" on Preventing Violations of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-21-114,* 3 (Sept. 5, 2003).

Docket No. 03-00502: Workshop to Gather Information from the Telecommunications Industry Related to Preventing Violations of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-21-114

November 7, 2003

Preliminary Agenda

1:00p.m.-1:15p.m.   Opening Remarks by Director Ron Jones

1:15p.m.-2:15p.m.   A Better Understanding of the *Notice of Filing* Responses

- As to prepaid service providers, is an intra-county call that terminates outside a local calling area blocked, i.e., is it treated as long distance?
- Do LECs forward intra-county calls that terminate outside a local calling area to long distance service providers? to resellers of local service? to resellers of long distance service?
- Who should have the burden of designating intra-county calls as local?
- Do wholesale providers notify their wholesale customer that they do not filter calls before forwarding call records to the wholesale customers?
- How have companies that use mileage bands calculated the length of the bands?
- How does CCMI obtain information?
- What is the GEOCode from the tax package referred to by ITC^DeltaCom?
- What is the Traffic Routing Administrator referred to by Knology?

2:15p.m.-3:15p.m.   Can the TAR Code Database fully meet the needs of carriers without participation by all carriers? Are mileage bands a more effective and less expensive alternative?

3:15p.m.-3:30p.m.   Break

3:30p.m.-5:00p.m.   Other TAR Code Database Criticisms

- The need for uniform and consistent practices for updating the TAR Code Database and disseminating information to subscribers
- Stale data as a result of new NPA/NXX's, procedures for submitting and disseminating data, and carriers' inabilities to extract data from previous files
- Initial development costs resulting from file format changes and purchase of proprietary software
- Difficulties interfacing subscriber internal systems with the TAR Code Database