

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 16, 2013

IN RE:

PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF CELLCO)	
PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS, PETITION)	
FOR ARBITRATION OF BELL SOUTH MOBILITY LLC;)	DOCKET NO.
BELL SOUTH PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC;)	03-00585
CHATTANOOGA MSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP;)	
COLLECTIVELY D/B/A CINGULAR WIRELESS, PETITION)	
FOR ARBITRATION OF AT & T WIRELESS PCS, LLC D/B/A)	
AT&T WIRELESS; PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF T-)	
MOBILE USA, INC., PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF)	
SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P. D/B/A SPRINT PCS)	

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF BRIEFING SCHEDULE

This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (“Authority” or “TRA”) upon the *Motion for One Week Extension for Filing of Briefs and Request for Expedited Approval (“Motion”)* filed by the Tennessee Rural Coalition,¹ jointly with T-Mobile USA, Inc. (“T-Mobile”) and CELLCO Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Verizon Wireless”), on April 15, 2013. The *Motion* follows email requests sent to the Hearing Officer from T-Mobile on April 12, 2013, and Verizon Wireless on April 13, 2013, which the RLEC Coalition supported, by email, on April 13, 2013. In addition, upon the request of the RLEC Coalition made on April 15, 2013, the Hearing Officer held a brief telephone conference, that

¹ The Tennessee Rural Coalition is a group of rural and small local exchange telecommunications providers, consisting of the following companies: Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.; Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative; CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc.; CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc.; CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc.; Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc.; Crockett Telephone Company, Inc.; DeKalb Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Humphreys County Telephone Company; Loretto Telephone Company, Inc.; Millington Telephone Company; North Central Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Peoples Telephone Company; Tellico Telephone Company; Tennessee Telephone Company; Twin Lakes Telephone Cooperative Corporation; United Telephone Company; West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc.; and Yorkville Telephone Cooperative (collectively, the “RLEC Coalition”).

day, with BellSouth Mobility, LLC; BellSouth Personal Communications, LLC; Chattanooga MSA Limited Partnership, collectively d/b/a Cingular Wireless; and AT&T Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Wireless (now together, "AT&T Mobility") and the RLEC Coalition to discuss the parties' request for an extension of the briefing schedule.

In its *Motion*, which reiterates the positions put forth in the various emails and during the telephone conference, noted above, the RLEC Coalition states that an agreement has been reached with Verizon Wireless and T-Mobile and requests a one-week extension of the briefing schedule in order to finalize the settlement documents. In support of its request, the RLEC Coalition asserts that allowing the settlement agreements to be finalized before proceeding with briefs is procedurally more efficient, will provide certainty to the Authority as to the parties remaining at issue in the docket, and permits the settling parties to focus on finalizing their agreements rather than be conflicted by the need to also prepare briefs. Further, AT&T Mobility does not object to extending for one week both the initial and reply briefs as requested by the RLEC Coalition and settling parties.²

Upon consideration of the request of the parties, the Hearing Officer finds that a one-week extension of the briefing schedule will not impede the Authority's consideration of the proceeding by its June Authority Conference, which is the resolution date contemplated by the parties and set forth in the procedural schedule entered by the Hearing Officer that was approved by the panel in its consideration of the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation during the regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on April 8, 2013.³ Therefore, finding the *Motion* well-taken, the Hearing Officer agrees that the briefing deadlines should be extended one week, and amends the procedural schedule as follows:

² *Motion*, p. 2, ¶ 8 (April 15, 2013); see also Exhibit A attached to this Order.

³ *Order Setting Procedural Schedule* (March 25, 2013); and see Transcript of Proceedings, pp.11-12 (Authority Conference April 8, 2013).


Due Date	Filing/Action
April 22, 2013	Initial Briefs Due* (which are to include legal argument, final best offers, and the factual/foundational basis supporting positions advanced, as applicable)
May 6, 2013	Reply Briefs Due* (limited to 10 pages)

*All filings are due at 2:00 p.m. CDT on the designated due date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The *Motion for One Week Extension for Filing of Briefs and Request for Expedited Approval* filed jointly by the Tennessee Rural Coalition, Verizon Wireless, and T-Mobile, on April 15, 2013, which amends the Procedural Schedule by extending the briefing deadlines as noted above, is GRANTED.

2. All other aspects of the Procedural Schedule remain unchanged, and continue in full force and effect.


 Kelly Cashman-Grams, Hearing Officer