

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

March 17, 2014

IN RE:

**PETITION OF LIGHTYEAR COMMUNICATIONS,
INC., LIGHTYEAR TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC
AND LIGHTYEAR NETWORK SOLUTIONS, INC.
FOR AUTHORITY NECESSARY TO CONSUMMATE
A CORPORATE REORGANIZATION**

**DOCKET NO.
03-00634**

**Company ID:
128147**

**ORDER GRANTING CANCELLATION OF AUTHORITY
TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

This matter came before Chairman James M. Allison, Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard and Director Robin Bennett of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on March 7, 2014. Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC ("Lightyear" or the "Company") was authorized in this docket to provide telecommunications services in Tennessee through a transfer of authority at an Authority Conference held on February 23, 2004 and a hearing held on March 4, 2004.¹

Transfer of the assets and customers of Lightyear to Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications of the South was approved in Docket No. 13-00089 during a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on July 15, 2013.² On November 15, 2013, the Authority received a request to cancel Lightyear's authority. Based upon careful consideration of the entire record in this matter, the Directors voted unanimously to grant the request to cancel the Company's authority.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Chairman James M. Allison, Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard and Director Robin Bennett concur.

ATTEST:



Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director

¹ See Order Approving Transactions and Customer Notification Letter (April 14, 2004).

² See In re: Joint Application of Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. dba Birch Communications of the South and Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC for Approval to Transfer Assets and Customers of Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC to Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. dba Birch Communications of the South, Docket No. 13-00089, Order Approving Asset Transfer (November 21, 2013).