

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

July 5, 2006

IN RE:

**JOINT PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF NEWSOUTH
COMMUNICATIONS CORP, NUVOX COMMUNICATIONS,
INC., KMC TELECOM V, INC., KMC TELECOM III LLC,
AND XSPEDIUS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC ON BEHALF
OF ITS OPERATING SUBSIDIARIES XSPEDIUS
MANAGEMENT CO. SWITCHED SERVICES, LLC AND
XSPEDIUS MANAGEMENT CO. OF CHATTANOOGA, LLC
OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

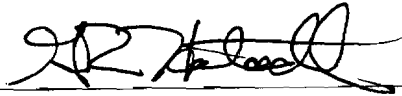
**DOCKET NO.
04-00046**

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE FINAL BEST OFFERS**

This matter is before the Pre-Arbitration Officer of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") upon the request of NuVox Communications, Inc. ("NuVox") seeking an extension from July 5, 2006 to July 17, 2006, to file its Final Best Offer regarding Item 65 (Issue 6-5). NuVox indicates that an extension is needed in order to enable the parties to engage in further negotiations. NuVox states that BellSouth does not object to the extension. The Pre-Arbitration Officer finds that the request of NuVox is reasonable, does not impair the interests of justice and should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The Motion of NuVox for extension to file Final Best Offers is granted. Final Best Offers shall be due no later than **2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2006.**



Gary Hotvedt, Counsel
as Pre-Arbitration Officer