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Re: Application of Bristol Tennessee Essential Services for a Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity to Provide Competing Telecommunications Services
Within the State of Tennessee
Docket No. 05-00251

This letter is being sent to the parties in the above captioned case to confirm the status of this matter before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority"). It is understood that this matter will proceed to hearing on Monday, March 6, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. as noticed by the Hearing Officer on January 13, 2006. At the commencement of the hearing, the Settlement Agreement filed on February 10, 2006 will be presented to the panel for consideration. Thereafter, the hearing will proceed with the proof being presented, unless action taken on the Settlement Agreement resolves this matter. Regardless of the panel's decision regarding the Settlement Agreement, counsel for Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA") will conduct cross-examination of the witnesses of the Petitioner, Bristol Tennessee Essential Services.

The Petitioner submitted pre-filed direct testimony with the filing of its Application on September 12, 2005. Notwithstanding a procedural order that established dates for the intervenors to submit pre-filed testimony, none has been submitted, and the dates for filing such have passed. Likewise, the date for submission of pre-filed rebuttal testimony by the Petitioner has passed with none being filed. Furthermore, the Pre-Hearing Conference scheduled for February 27, 2006 has been cancelled by agreement of the parties.

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Based on the foregoing, the hearing in this matter will begin at **9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 6, 2006**. Live testimony will not be presented on behalf of the intervenors. The Settlement Agreement will be proposed for approval by the panel. SECCA will cross-examine those witnesses who submitted pre-filed testimony on behalf of the Petitioner. There is nothing in the record to suggest an alternate procedure for the hearing in the event the Settlement Agreement is not approved by the panel, so the hearing will proceed if the Settlement Agreement is not approved.

If the foregoing is not the understanding of each of the parties in this matter, then the parties are directed to notify the Authority, in writing, to the attention of the office of the Chairman, no later than **2:00 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2006**. Your immediate attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Richard Collier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

J. Richard Collier
General Counsel

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