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**VIA FACSIMILE AND HAND-DELIVERY**

The Honorable Sara Kyle  
Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

***Re: Rulemaking To Establish Criteria For Designating Eligible  
Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) in Tennessee; Docket 05-00284***

Dear Chairman Kyle:

I represent a Coalition of the small regulated local exchange carriers in the above-referenced matter. The Coalition has reviewed the proposed rules and wishes to file comments on behalf of its members. In order to streamline their presentations, the Coalition members, coordinated by Mr. Bruce Mottern of TDS Telecom, are in the process of consolidating those comments. Due to the size and schedules of the group, however, it now it appears unlikely that the Coalition will have its comments in final form in order to meet the filing deadline set by the Authority of Monday, August 7, 2006.

Accordingly, the Coalition respectfully requests that it be allowed two (2) additional days in which to file those comments. The Coalition believes that it will be able to file comments by Wednesday, August 9, 2006.

We will greatly appreciate the Authority's favorable consideration of this request. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,



R. Dale Grimes

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cc: Mr. Bruce Mottern