

# TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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January 12, 2007

Patrick D. Crocker  
Early, Lennon, Crocker & Bartosiewicz, P.L.C.  
900 Commerica Building  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

RE: Docket No. 06-00306, *Application of Cost Plus Communications, LLC for a Certificate to Provide Competing Local Telecommunications and Interexchange Services in Tennessee*

Dear Mr. Crocker:

CLEC applicants are required, by statute, to demonstrate their managerial, financial and technical abilities to provide the services for which they seek authority. To assist the Authority in its review of Cost Plus Communications, LLC's application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide competing local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in Tennessee, you are requested to provide the following information:

1. What position does Mr. Matthew N. Simpson hold with Cost Plus Communications? What are his duties and responsibilities with Cost Plus?
2. Provide further information regarding the financial qualifications of the officers of Cost Plus or, in the alternative, provide the name of the accounting firm to be used by Cost Plus.
3. Provide a \$20,000 surety bond or letter of credit in compliance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-125(j).
4. Provide further information regarding compliance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-21-114. Specifically, explain technically how the company will not bill for countywide calls within Tennessee.
5. Provide further information regarding the corporate structure of Cost Plus Communications, LLC. Is there a parent company? Are there any subsidiaries?

Please provide a response to the above questions by 2:00 pm on January 26, 2007. In accordance with TRA Rules, please submit either (1) thirteen written copies of your response or (2) four written copies and an electronic version. Also reference the docket number 06-00306 on the response. If you have questions concerning this request or need additional information, please contact Lisa Foust at 615-741-2904 extension 220.

Sincerely,

Darlene Standley  
Utilities Division Chief