

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**June 13, 2007**

**IN RE:**

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL  
TRAFFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT AND  
AMENDMENT THERETO BETWEEN BLEDSOE  
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC.  
AND CHARTER FIBERLINK-TENNESSEE, LLC**

**DOCKET NO.  
07-00052**

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**ORDER APPROVING THE LOCAL TRAFFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT  
AND AMENDMENT THERETO**

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This matter came before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director Pat Miller and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on April 16, 2007 to consider, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 (2004) and 47 U.S.C. § 252(e), to the extent applicable, the Petition for approval of the local traffic exchange agreement and amendment thereto (the "Agreement") negotiated between Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Bledsoe") and Charter Fiberlink-Tennessee, LLC filed on February 20, 2007.

Based upon a review of the Agreement, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252, the Directors unanimously granted the Petition and made the following findings and conclusions:

- 1) The parties to the Agreement have requested Authority review and approval of the Petition.
- 2) The Agreement is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within Bledsoe's service area.

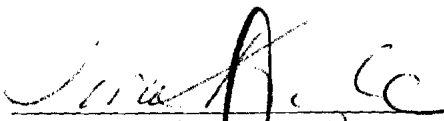
3) The Agreement is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto.


4) Section 252(e)(2)(A) of 47 U.S.C. provides that a state commission may reject a negotiated agreement only if it “discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement” or if the implementation of the agreement “is not consistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity.” Unlike arbitrated agreements, a state commission may not reject a negotiated agreement on the grounds that the agreement fails to meet the requirements of 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 or 252(d).<sup>1</sup> Thus, although the Authority finds that neither ground for rejection of a negotiated agreement exists, this finding should not be construed to mean that the Agreement is consistent with §§ 251 or 252(d) or, for that matter, previous Authority decisions.

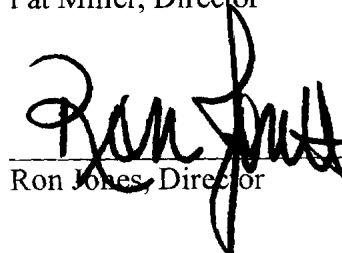
5) No person or entity has sought to intervene in this docket.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The Petition is granted, and the local traffic exchange agreement and amendment thereto negotiated between Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and Charter Fiberlink-Tennessee, LLC are approved and are subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.

  
Sara Kyle, Chairman

  
Pat Miller, Director

  
Ron Jones, Director

<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(B).