

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 11, 2008

IN RE:

**PETITION OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
D/B/A AT&T TENNESSEE FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF
GROWTH CODE DENIAL BY THE NUMBER POOLING
ADMINISTRATOR RELATING TO HEALTHWAYS**

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**DOCKET NO.
07-00257**

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST OF AT&T TENNESSEE
FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF GROWTH CODE DENIAL AND
REVERSING CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL**

This matter came before Chairman Eddie Roberson, Director Sara Kyle, 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 December 17, 2007, for consideration of the *Petition of TCG MidSouth, Inc. for Review of Central Office Code Denial* ("Petition") filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") on November 16, 2007. AT&T filed the *Petition* on behalf of TCG MidSouth, Inc. ("TCG").

On November 12, 2007, TCG submitted an application to the Pooling Administrator for the purpose of obtaining additional numbering resources to meet the demands of its customer, Healthways. TCG did not have sufficient number resources available in the Franklin Rate Center to fulfill Healthway's request. NXX assignment guidelines permit the assignment of additional codes only after a carrier demonstrates that a rate center has a 75% utilization rate and that its estimated exhaust date does not exceed six months.¹ The Franklin Rate Center has an estimated exhaust date of six months but the Pooling Administrator denied the application by TCG because the Franklin Rate Center has a 34.6% utilization rate.

¹ See Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, *Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COGAG) Final Document*, ATIS 03-00051, section 4.3.1 (Jun. 15, 2007).

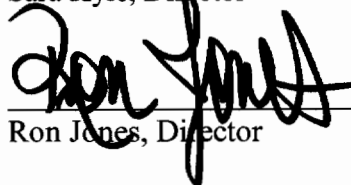
In its *Petition*, AT&T asks the Authority to review the denial of the Pooling Administrator. The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") authorized the Authority to review the Pooling Administrator's denial of a numbering application.² Specifically, the FCC stated that state commissions may overturn a decision of the Pooling Administrator when "a carrier demonstrates that it has received a customer request for numbering resources in a given rate center that it cannot meet with its current inventory."³ After consideration of the facts contained in the record, the public interest, and this agency's responsibility to foster competition in the telecommunications industry,⁴ the panel voted unanimously to approve the request of AT&T and reverse the Pooling Administrator's denial of TCG's request for additional numbering resources, specifically for the assignment of two 1000 blocks of numbers to TCG for the Franklin Rate Center, Switch Identification NSVLTN48DS0.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Pooling Administrator's decision to deny TCG MidSouth, Inc.'s request for additional numbering resources is reversed as stated herein.
2. The Pooling Administrator is ordered to assign two 1000-blocks of telephone numbers for the Franklin Rate Center.


Eddie Roberson, Director


Sara Kyle, Director


Ron Jones, Director

² *In re: Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, *Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-98 and CC Docket No. 99-200*, 17 FCC Rcd. 252, 279-83 ¶¶ 61-66 (2001).

³ *Id.* ¶ 64.

⁴ See Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-123 (2004).