

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:	July 25, 2008)	
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REQUEST OF CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	DOCKET NO.
COMPANY OF TENNESSEE, LLC D/B/A FRONTIER)	08-00096
COMMUNICATIONS OF TENNESSEE FOR EXPEDITED)	
REVIEW OF GROWTH CODE DENIAL)	

ORDER APPROVING REQUEST OF CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS OF TENNESSEE,
LLC FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF GROWTH CODE DENIAL AND
REVERSING CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL

This matter came before Chairman Tre Hargett, Director Sara Kyle and Director Mary Freeman of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (“TRA” or the “Authority”), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on July 14, 2008, for consideration of the *Petition of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC for Expedited Review of Central Office Code Denial* filed on June 11, 2008 and amended on June 20, 2008.

On May 8, 2008, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC d/b/a Frontier Communications of Tennessee (“Citizens”) submitted an application to the Pooling Administrator for the purpose of obtaining additional numbering resources to meet the demands of its customer, Cookeville Regional Medical Center (“CRMC”). Citizens did not have sufficient number resources available in the Cookeville Rate Center (“Rate Center”) to fulfill the request of CRMC. 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 Because the Rate Center utilization rate is approximately 46% and the estimated exhaust

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

date is approximately 126.5 months, the Pooling Administrator denied the application by Citizens. On June 11, 2008, Citizens filed a request asking the TRA to review the denial of the Pooling Administrator.

The Federal Communications Commission authorized the Authority to review the Pooling Administrator's denial of a numbering application.² Specifically, the Federal Communications Commission 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 Citizens and reverse the Pooling Administrator's denial of Citizens' request for additional numbering resources.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

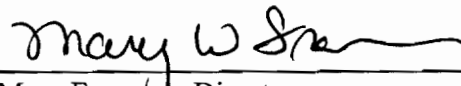
1. The Pooling Administrator's decision to deny Citizens' request for additional numbering resources is reversed as stated herein.
2. The Pooling Administrator is ordered to assign three (3) one-thousand blocks of telephone numbers to Citizen for the Cookeville Rate Center served by switch identification no. CKVLTNXADS0.



Tre Hargett, Chairman



Sara Kyle, Director



Mary Freeman, 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.