

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

December 3, 2008

Mayor Dan Toole
City of Millersville
1246 Louisville Highway
Millersville, TN 37072

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority
and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Toole:

On July 1, 2008, Public Chapter 932,¹ also known as the Competitive Cable and Video Services Act (the "CCVSA"), which was enacted by the 105th Tennessee General Assembly became effective. Pursuant thereto, on November 26, 2008, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") filed an amendment with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Department") to its state-issued certificate of franchise authority to provide cable or video service in your municipality.

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Further, § 15(b)(1) of the CCVSA requires the TRA upon receipt of an application for a state-issued certificate of franchise authority to notify all municipalities or counties identified as part of the applicant's service area to obtain certain information related to PEG access channels. The TRA is required to "compile and keep current the information it receives from municipalities, counties, or local governments for the use of holders of state-issued certificates of franchise authority"³ and the Tennessee General Assembly.

¹ 2008 Tenn. Pub. Acts 932.

² CCVSA § 10(a).

³ CCVSA § 15 (b)(2).

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In light of the provisions of the CCVSA noted above, it is imperative that you respond promptly to this Notice by providing the TRA with the following information:

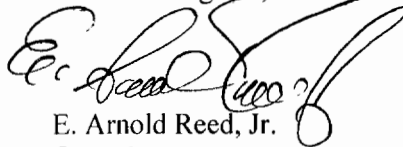
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Sincerest Regards,



E. Arnold Reed, Jr.
Consultant

⁴ CCVSA § 15 (b)(2).

⁵ See, CCVSA § 10(j).

⁶ Pursuant to § 10(b) of the CCVSA, a state-issued franchise holder must designate PEG channels within 90 days of beginning to offer service.

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Mayor Terri L. Ray
City of Pegram
308 Hwy 70 E
Pegram, TN 37143

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority
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Dear Mayor Ray:

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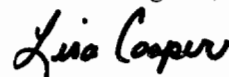
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Mayor Leon Herron
City of Thompson's Station
155 Thompson's Station Road
P. O. Box 100
Thompson's Station, TN 37179

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority
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County Mayor Michael F. Nesbitt
Smith County
122 Turner High Circle
Carthage, TN 37030

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Dear Mayor Nesbitt:

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