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Ms. Darlene Standley
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Tennessee Regulatory Authority
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filed electronically in docket office on 08/26/08

Re: Nexus Communications, Inc.
Docket No. 08-00119

Dear Ms. Standley:

Enclosed please find for filing an original and four (4) copies of the responses to Data Request No. 1 dated August 11, 2008 for Nexus Communications, Inc.

I have also enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed, self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance J.M. Steinhart
Attorney for Nexus Communications, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Steven Fenker

Question No. 1 Identify, by rate center, where in Tennessee Nexus is currently providing local residential and business telecommunications services. I which of these rate centers is Nexus serving consumers through the leasing of unbundled network elements?

ANSWER: Please see Attachment A

Question No. 2 Provide copies of, or instruction on where to locate Nexus' current advertising of its services to Tennessee consumers. Further describe where the advertisements are being distributed and by what means.

ANSWER: A copy of the advertisement used to inform Tennessee consumers of the services offered by the Company is included as Attachment B.

The Print Media ad appears in the Thrifty Dollar Saver, and is routinely distributed, throughout the State of Tennessee.

Question No. 3 Does the company offer services to customers other than Lifeline customers? If so, provide the connection charge and the basic service monthly recurring charges for these customers.

ANSWER: Yes. According to the Nexus' current and effective local exchange tariff, approved by and on file with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, the services offered to non-lifeline customers, the connection charge (non-recurring charge), and the recurring charges of each are as follows.

Non-Lifeline Service	Connection Charge	Monthly Recurring Charge
Basic Local Exchange Service	\$120.00	\$59.95

Question No. 4 Describe, in detail, the "innovative services" Nexus is seeking to offer.

ANSWER: Nexus makes local exchange service available to consumers who are currently "off network". Due to the restrictive credit and deposit criteria of the Incumbent LEC, these consumers are likely to remain "off network" being thereby deprived of the safety and convenience provided by wireline service, which includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- a. Non-discriminatory access to emergency services and services for the hearing and speech impaired;
- b. Non-discriminatory access to local and long distance, operator services, and local telephone directories;
- c. IntraLATA long distance, including access to the customer's carrier of choice for InterLATA calls;
- d. Non-discriminatory access to telephone numbers and number portability (where technically feasible).

Nexus' "innovative services" allow "off network" consumers to obtain these, and all of the services designated for support, along with the safety and convenience of wireline service, without requiring these same consumers to submit to credit checks and restrictive deposit requirements.

Question No. 5 Further describe which consumers Nexus considers “non-rural.”

ANSWER: Consistent with Nexus’ Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, Docket No. 07-00241, dated May 29, 2007, and confirmed by the Authority in its approval of the same, dated January 8, 2008, the Company “intends to provide local exchange service to its customers located in non-rural exchange carriers’ service areas of Tennessee” with plans to negotiate “an interconnection/resale agreement with AT&T/Bellsouth”, which is classified by the FCC and the Authority as a “non-rural” carrier.

Exhibit “F” of the same application identifies a list of the AT&T/Bellsouth exchanges in Tennessee as exchanges where the company intends provide service.

As such, all of the exchanges, where the Company has the capability to provide service, which are currently the AT&T/Bellsouth exchanges of Tennessee, are classified as “non-rural” exchanges.

Question No. 6 Describe Nexus’ use of, and describe, and the “unbundled network equivalents” obtained through agreements with the ILEC.

ANSWER: Prior to the TRO/TRRO, Nexus, along with other CLECs, obtained and used switched port/loop combination UNEs, which the company obtained from AT&T/Bellsouth through standard Interconnection Agreements.

As the Authority is aware, the TRO/TRRO removed the Incumbent LECs obligation to continue to provide these UNEs. However, following the recommendation of the FCC, LECs, such as AT&T/Bellsouth, continued to make these same UNEs available through Commercially Negotiated Agreements.

While continuing to meet the definition of “facilities” and “own facilities”, these elements are available through agreements other than standard 251 and 252 agreements prompting some commissions to refer to them as “unbundled network equivalents”.

Question No. 7 Describe Nexus' method of access and/or local service switching. If switching is obtained from another carrier by lease, what are Nexus' transition plans for facilities based switching?

ANSWER: The company obtains access and/or local switching through lease arrangements with AT&T/Bellsouth.

Consistent with the company's Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN"), and the corresponding approval by the TRA, Nexus will "resell services and provide service using unbundled network elements", which includes switching, "through commercial and interconnection agreements..."

With regard to a transition plan for facilities based switching, the company's plans have not changed from those approved by the Authority in the company's CCN application, which state "The Company has no plans to install facilities in the State of Tennessee".

Question No. 8 Outline Nexus' plans for ensuring its customers continue receiving telecommunications services should AT&T relinquish a particular service area.

ANSWER: While it is unlikely that AT&T/Bellsouth will relinquish a particular service area, Nexus' plan for ensuring its customers continue to receive telecommunications services include executing a commercial and interconnection agreement with the "obtaining LEC".

Question No. 9 Describe Nexus' plans for demonstrating to the Authority that for those Lifeline customers served via resale of another carrier's services, Nexus is not receiving the federal universal service Lifeline credit from the serving company and filing for credit with the Universal Service Administration Company.

ANSWER: The company's data base has already been set up to "segregate" Lifeline lines provided via resale from reporting data for those provided via UNEs, which is the data the company uses to prepare and populate the required FCC Form 497. This "segregation" prevents any Lifeline resale line from being included in the line count reports generated and used to populate the USAC Low Income reimbursement form.

Question No. 10 Nexus does not have a current Wireline Activity Report on file with the Authority. In accordance with the requirements established in Authority Docket No. 97-00309, Nexus is required to file a Wireline Activity Report monthly. Submit a copy of Nexus' most recent report.

ANSWER: The current Wireline Activity Report is currently being prepared and will be filed by the end of August.

Future reports will be filed in a manner consistent with the requirements established in Authority Docket No. 97-00309.

RATE CENTER	RESALE	UNEs	RESALE	UNEs			
ADAMS	1		0	0			
ARLINGTON	4		0	0			
ASHLAND CITY	2		0	0			
ATHENS	1		0	0			
BELLS	1		0	0			
BOLIVAR	5		0	0			
BROWNSVILLE	14		0	0			
CENTERVILLE	2		0	0			
CHARLESTON	1		0	0			
CHARLOTTE	2		0	0			
CLARKSVILLE	15		0	0			
COLLIERVILLE	5		0	0			
COLUM	1		0	0			
COLUMBIA	3		0	0			
COVINGTON	19		0	0			
DICKSON	7		0	0			
DOVER	1		0	0			
DYERSBURG	13		0	0			
FRANKLIN	3		0	0			
GALLATIN	4		0	0			
GOODLETTSVILLE	3		0	0			
GRAND JUNCTION	2		0	0			
GREENBRIAR	1		0	0			
HALLS	2		0	0			
HARRIMAN	1		0	0			
HENDERSON	1		0	0			
HENDERSONVILLE	1		0	0			
HUMBOLDT	3		0	0			
JACKSON	6		0	0			
JEFFERSON CITY	3		0	0			
JELLICO	1		0	0			
KINGSTON	1		0	0			
KNOXVILLE	34		0	0			
LAFOLLETTE	5		0	0			
LAWRENCEBURG	2		0	0			
LEBANON	2		0	0			
LENIOR CITY	1		0	0			
LEWISBURG	3		0	0			
LEXINGTON	1		0	0			
LYLES	1		0	0			
MADISONVILLE	4		0	0			
MARYVILLE	3		0	0			
MAYNARDVILLE	1		0	0			
MEDINA	1		0	0			
MEMPHIS	918		0	0			

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RATE CENTER	RESIDENTIAL		BUSINESS			
	RESALE	UNEs	RESALE	UNEs		
MORRISTOWN	1		0	0		
MOSCOW	2		0	0		
MT PLEASANT	2		0	0		
MURFREESBORO	7		0	0		
NASHVILLE	91	5	0	0		
NEWPORT	1		0	0		
OAK RIDGE	5		0	0		
OLD HICKORY	2		0	0		
PARIS	1		0	0		
PORTLAND	2		0	0		
PULASKI	4		0	0		
RIPLEY	3		0	0		
ROCKWOOD	2		0	0		
ROGERSVILLE	1		0	0		
SELMER	1		0	0		
SEVIERVILLE	2		0	0		
SHELBYVILLE	4		0	0		
SMYRNA	3		0	0		
SOMERVILLE	12		0	0		
SPRINGCITY	1		0	0		
SPRINGFIELD	3		0	0		
SWEETWATER	1		0	0		
TRENTON	3		0	0		
TULLAHOMA	1		0	0		
UNION CITY	2		0	0		
WHITEVILLE	1		0	0		

ATTACHMENT B

Link Up America Government Assisted Home Phone Service



NO MONEY DOWN If You Receive Any Of The Assistance Programs Below,
You Are Automatically Eligible For New Telephone Service!

☐ **Tennessee
Food Stamp
Program**



TENNESSEE.GOV
Department of
Human Services

☐ **Tennessee
Medicaid
Program**

☐ **Supplemental
Social Security**



☐ **Home Energy
Assistance
Program**



☐ **Section 8
US Department of
Housing & Urban
Development**



☐ **Temporary
Assistance for
Needy Families**



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NAME: _____
(First) (Last)

ADDRESS: _____
(Apt. or Unit)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

CONTACT NUMBER : () _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

I authorize Nexus Communications Inc. d.b.a TSI Telephone Company or its duly appointed representative to access any records required to verify these statements to confirm my continued participation in the above programs. I authorize representatives of the above programs to discuss with and/or provide copies to my local telephone company, if requested by the company, to verify my participation in the above programs and my eligibility for Lifeline or Link-Up Telephone Service. I certify that I (we) have not utilized Link-Up within the last year at our existing address. I (we) affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing representations are true.

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