

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 2, 2009

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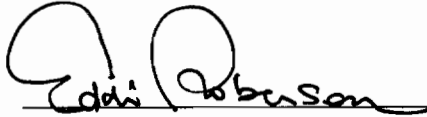
JOINT APPLICATION OF EMBARQ
CORPORATION, EMBARQ'S CERTIFICATED
TENNESSEE SUBSIDIARIES AND CENTURYTEL,
INC. REGARDING TRANSFERS OF CONTROL

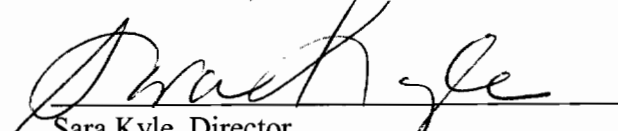
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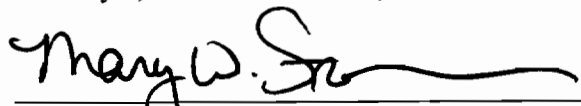
ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before Chairman Eddie Roberson, Director Sara Kyle and Director Mary W. Freeman of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on January 26, 2009 for consideration of the *Joint Application of Embarq Corporation, Embarq's Certificated Tennessee Subsidiaries and CenturyTel, Inc. Regarding Transfers of Control* filed on November 21, 2008. Petitions to intervene were filed by Comcast Phone of Tennessee, LLC d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone and the Northeast Tennessee TVA Power Distributors¹ on January 16, 2009 and January 19, 2009, respectively. During the Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding and to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or his designee to serve as Hearing Officer for the purpose of preparing this case for hearing, including ruling on intervention requests, adopting an issues list, entering a protective order and establishing a procedural schedule to completion.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Eddie Roberson, Chairman


Sara Kyle, Director


Mary W. Freeman, Director

¹ The Northeast Tennessee TVA Power Distributors group includes the following: Bristol Tennessee Essential Services, the City of Elizabethton Tennessee's Department of Electric Services, Erwin Utilities, Greeneville Light & Power Company, Holston Electric Cooperative, Johnson City Power Board and Mountain Electric Cooperative, Inc.