

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**February 4, 2009**

*Re : Joint Application of Embarq Corporation                    )*  
*and Century Tel, Inc. Regarding Transfers of                )* Docket No. 08-00219  
*Control of United Telephone Southeast LLC                )*  
*d/b/a Embarq, Embarq Communications, Inc.*  
*and Embarq Payphone Services, Inc.*

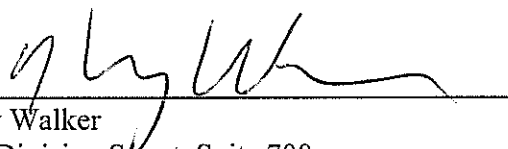
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**ISSUES LIST OF BRISTOL TENNESSEE ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

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Bristol Tennessee Essential Services ("BES") offers telecommunications services in competition with Embarq Corporation and pursuant to an interconnection agreement with Embarq. BES shares the concerns expressed by other intervenors regarding the impact of this proposed merger upon the wholesale operations, systems, practices, and prices of Embarq. While BES has no direct experience with the wholesale operations of CenturyTel, BES expects that the merged Embarq/CenturyTel entity will, at a minimum, continue providing the level of service BES has come to expect from Embarq. Therefore, BES supports the initial issues list submitted by DeltaCom, Inc. d/b/a DeltaCom Business Solutions in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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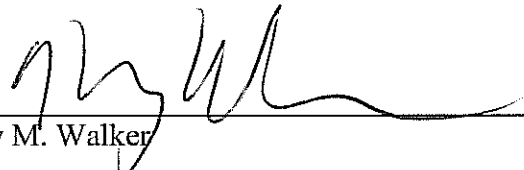
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