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Chairman Sara Kyle
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Re: Docket 09-00103: Joint Application of Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. and Synergy
Technology Partners, Inc. Regarding Transfers of Control

Dear Chairman Kyle:

At the Tennessee Regulatory Authority Director's Conference on November 9, 2009, the Directors and TRA Staff expressed concern regarding the debt associated with the transaction outlined in the above-referenced *Joint Application*. As such, the Directors suggested that a contested case be convened in a separate docket in order to properly investigate their concerns and that the Consumer Advocate consider intervening as a party. At the Director's request, the Consumer Advocate diligently reviewed the record in TRA Docket No. 09-00103 and has since obtained the proper authority to intervene in a docket created for the purpose of investigating the debt portion of this transaction.

Since responding to the Director's request to review this docket and consider the possibility of intervention, the Consumer Advocate has examined the TRA Staff Data Request 4, issued on November 13, 2009, to Ardmore requesting additional information in regard to whether Ardmore would seek recovery of any expenses related to the debt incurred to purchase Ardmore by Synergy in any future rate case proceeding. Ardmore responded on that same day stating that they would not seek recovery of any such expenses in future rate cases.

In light of the recent Date Request and corresponding Date Response, the Consumer Advocate does not intend to file a Petition to Intervene in TRA Docket 09-00103. However, should the TRA determine that opening a new docket is necessary in order to further investigate their concerns, the Consumer Advocate will reconsider the need for intervention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Leigh White".

Mary Leigh White
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