

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

November 25, 2009

IN RE:

**EMBARQ COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S NOTIFICATION
OF ADOPTION OF ASSUMED CORPORATE NAME
CHANGE TO EMBARQ COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A
CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS**

**DOCKET NO.
09-00138**

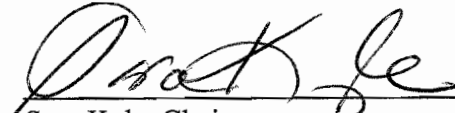
ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF NAME CHANGE

This matter came before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director Kenneth C. Hill 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 October 26, 2009 upon the petition of Embarq Communications, Inc. ("Embarq" or "Company") to change its name.

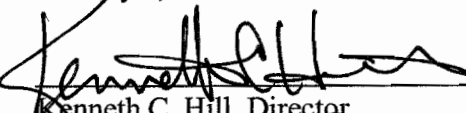
Embarq was granted authority to provide operator services and resold interexchange long distance services under the name Sprint Long Distance, Inc. in Docket No. 05-00229 at an Authority Conference held on October 17, 2005. The Company filed a letter on March 23, 2006 notifying the Authority that it had changed its name to Embarq Communications, Inc. At a Hearing held on April 20, 2009, the Authority approved a transfer of control of Embarq to CenturyTel, Inc. On September 18, 2009, Embarq filed a Petition to change the name under which it provides telecommunications services in Tennessee to Embarq Communications, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Communications.

Based upon careful consideration of the record in this matter and upon a finding that the Company has satisfied the requirements of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-4-1-.08, the panel voted unanimously to approve the name change.¹

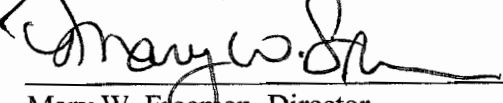
IT IS SO ORDERED.



Sara Kyle, Chairman



Kenneth C. Hill, Director



Mary W. Freeman, Director

¹ The approval for the name change is effective *nunc pro tunc* as of October 19, 2009.