

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

November 12, 2009

IN RE:

**UNITED TELEPHONE SOUTHEAST LLC D/B/A
EMBARQ'S NOTIFICATION OF ADOPTION OF
ASSUMED CORPORATE NAME CHANGE TO UNITED
TELEPHONE SOUTHEAST LLC D/B/A CENTURYLINK**

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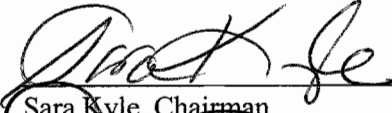
ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF NAME CHANGE


This matter came before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director Eddie Roberson and Director Kenneth C. Hill 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 United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a Embarq ("Embarq" or "Company") to change its name.

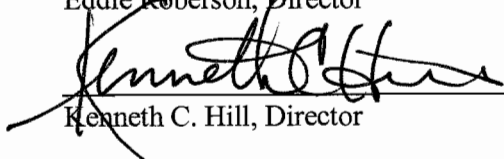
Embarq was granted authority to provide telecommunications services in Tennessee by the Tennessee Public Service Commission ("TPSC"). On March 18, 1992, the TPSC issued an order in Docket No. 92-2150 approving a name change to United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. The Company filed a letter on May 17, 2006 notifying the Authority that it had changed its name to United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. d/b/a Embarq. On November 7, 2007, the Company notified the Authority of its conversion to a limited liability company. At a Hearing held on April 20, 2009, the Authority approved a transfer of control of Embarq to CenturyTel, Inc. in Docket No. 08-00219. On September 18, 2009, Embarq filed a Petition to change the name under which it provides telecommunications services in Tennessee to United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a CenturyLink.

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


Eddie Roberson, Director


Kenneth C. Hill, Director

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