## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

## NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:	May 13, 2010	)	
PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BELLSOUTH D/B/A AT&T TENNESS EVERYCALL COMMUNICATIONS, I	BETWEEN EE AND	) ) )	DOCKET NO. 10-00019

## ORDER APPROVING THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

This matter came before Chairman Sara Kyle and Director Eddie Roberson of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), members of the voting panel<sup>1</sup> assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on April 26, 2010, to consider, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252, the Petition for approval of the Interconnection Agreement negotiated between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") and EveryCall Communications, Inc. ("EveryCall")<sup>2</sup> filed on February 8, 2010.

Based upon a review of the agreement, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252, the Directors granted the Petition and made the following findings and conclusions:

- 1) The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 (2004) and over interconnections between telecommunications service providers under Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-124(a) and (b) (2004).
- 2) The agreement is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within AT&T's service area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Director Mary W. Freeman, the third member of the voting panel, was unable to participate in the deliberations in this matter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EveryCall was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide telecommunications services in Tennessee under the name EveryCall Communications, Inc. d/b/a Local USA d/b/a All American Home Phone. See In re: Application of EveryCall Communications, Inc. d/b/a Local USA d/b/a All American Home Phone for a CCN to Provide Competing Local Telecommunications Services in Tennessee, Docket No. 08-00008. The Petition referred to the company only as EveryCall Communications, Inc.

3) The agreement is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto.

4) 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A) provides that a state commission may reject a negotiated agreement only if it "discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement" or if the implementation of the agreement "is not consistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity." Unlike arbitrated agreements, a state commission may not reject a negotiated agreement on the grounds that the agreement fails to meet the requirements of 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 or 252(d).<sup>3</sup> Thus, although the Authority finds that neither ground for rejection of a negotiated agreement exists, this finding should not be construed to mean that the agreement is consistent with §§ 251 or 252(d) or, for that matter, previous Authority decisions.

5) No person or entity has sought to intervene in this docket.

The agreement is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 and Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 65-4-104 (2004) and 65-4-124(a) and (b) (2004), or in the alternative, under Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109(m) (2009).

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The Petition is granted, and the Interconnection Agreement negotiated between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee and EveryCall Communications, Inc. is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(B).