

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**August 29, 2011**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>COMPLAINT OF BELL SOUTH D/B/A AT&amp;T</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO.</b>
<b>TENNESSEE V. SPRINT SPECTRUM, L.P.</b>	)	<b>10-00026</b>
<b>D/B/A SPRINT PCS, AND NEXTEL SOUTH CORP.</b>	)	

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**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO DISMISS AND CLOSING DOCKET**

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This matter came before Chairman Eddie Roberson, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at the July 11, 2011 Authority Conference to consider the *Joint Motion to Dismiss Proceedings* ("Joint Motion") filed on May 12, 2011.

On February 16, 2010, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") filed its *Complaint of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee* ("Complaint") against Sprint Spectrum L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS and Nextel South Corp. ("Sprint/Nextel"). Sprint/Nextel counterclaimed against AT&T relating to amounts for inter MTA traffic allegedly due under their interconnection agreements.<sup>1</sup> On October 6, 2010, the parties informed the TRA that they were engaging in settlement discussions and, along with similar proceedings in other states, a multi-state settlement of AT&T complaints might resolve this matter. Proceedings in this docket were held in abeyance at the request of the parties until January 10, 2011, at which time the parties asked that the matter be held in further abeyance pending notice from either AT&T or Sprint/Nextel due to the on-going settlement discussions.


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<sup>1</sup> The complaint describes MTA as major trading areas that are geographic service areas defined by the Federal Communications Commission.


On May 12, 2011, the parties filed their *Joint Motion*, announcing that the parties had “entered into an agreement to settle the disputes at issue in this case”<sup>2</sup> and asking that this proceeding be dismissed with prejudice. After reviewing the *Joint Motion*, the panel voted unanimously to grant the *Joint Motion* and to dismiss all claims, counterclaims and proceedings in this matter with prejudice.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The *Joint Motion to Dismiss Proceedings* is granted.
2. This proceeding is dismissed with prejudice, and this docket shall be closed.

  
Eddie Roberson, Chairman

  
Kenneth C. Hill, Director

  
Sara Kyle, Director

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<sup>2</sup> *Joint Motion to Dismiss Proceedings*, p. 1 (May 12, 2011).