

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 10, 2010

IN RE:

**PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
BELLSOUTH D/B/A AT&T TENNESSEE AND
SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P., NEXTEL SOUTH CORP.,
AND NPCR, INC. D/B/A NEXTEL PARTNERS**

**DOCKET NO.
10-00042**

**ORDER ACCEPTING ARBITRATION AND
APPOINTING PRE-ARBITRATION OFFICER**

This matter came before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director Eddie Roberson 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 May 24, 2010, for consideration of the *Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee* ("AT&T") for Section 252(b) Arbitration ("*Petition*") filed on March 19, 2010.


On April 13, 2010, Sprint Spectrum L.P., Nextel South Corp., NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners and Sprint Communications Company L.P. (collectively "Sprint") filed a Joint Response to the *Petition* and also filed a Motion to Consolidate this docket with Authority Docket No. 10-00043.¹ AT&T filed a Response to the Motion to Consolidate and to procedural proposals in Sprint's Joint Response to the *Petition* on April 20, 2010.

During the Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to accept the *Petition* and to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or his designee as the Pre-Arbitration Officer for the


¹ See *In re: Petition for Arbitration of Interconnection Agreement Between BellSouth d/b/a AT&T Tennessee and Sprint Communications Company, L.P.*, Docket No. 10-00043.

purpose of monitoring negotiations between the parties, identifying the issues to be arbitrated and preparing the docket for hearing.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Sara Kyle, Chairman


Eddie Roberson, Director


Mary W. Freeman, Director

² The panel directed the General Counsel to meet with the parties after the Authority Conference to discuss the schedule. See Letter from Guy M. Hicks dated May 21, 2010.