

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 21, 2010

IN RE:)	
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PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF)	DOCKET NO.
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)	10-00043
BELLSOUTH D/B/A AT&T TENNESSEE AND)	
SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L.P.)	

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

This matter came before Director Mary W. Freeman, 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 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. 10-00042.¹ 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.

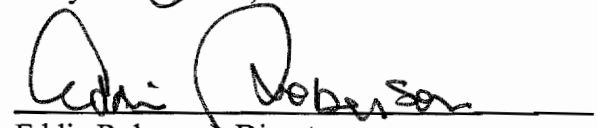
During the Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to accept the *Petition* and to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or his designee as the Pre-Arbitration Officer for the

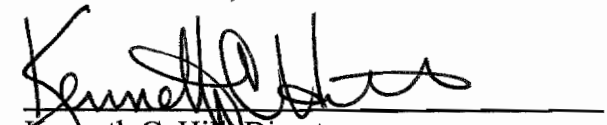
¹ See *In re: Petition for Arbitration of Interconnection Agreement Between BellSouth d/b/a AT&T Tennessee and Sprint Spectrum L.P., Nextel South Corp., and NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners*, Docket No. 10-00042.

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Mary W. Freeman, Director


Eddie Roberson, Director


Kenneth C. Hill, 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.