

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 3, 2011

IN RE:

**PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
BELL SOUTH D/B/A AT&T TENNESSEE AND
SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L.P.**

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**DOCKET NO.
10-00043**

**ORDER GRANTING *JOINT MOTION TO WITHDRAW PETITIONS
AND TO CLOSE DOCKETS***

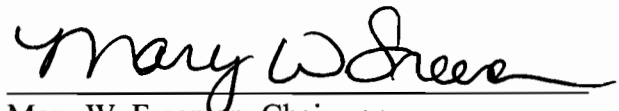
This matter came before Chairman Mary W. Freeman, Director Eddie Roberson and Director Kenneth C. Hill of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on April 18, 2011, for consideration of the *Joint Motion to Withdraw Petitions and to Close Dockets* ("Joint Motion") filed on February 9, 2011.

On May 24, 2010 the Authority accepted the *Petition Of Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a/ AT&T Tennessee For Section 252(b) Arbitration* filed by AT&T Tennessee on March 19, 2010 in this docket and in Docket No. 10-00042 and appointed General Counsel as the Pre-Arbitration Officer for the purpose of preparing this matter for hearing. On August 26, 2010, the Pre-Arbitration Officer issued an *Order Adopting Joint Procedural Schedule* proposed by the parties which established dates for the filing of testimony and discovery requests and set a hearing for January 24-27, 2011. Subsequently, the parties requested the Pre-Arbitration Officer to reset the hearing for a date in July, 2011. On January 24, 2011, the Pre-Arbitration Officer issued an *Order Modifying Joint Procedural Schedule and Continuing Hearing Date* without setting a new hearing date.

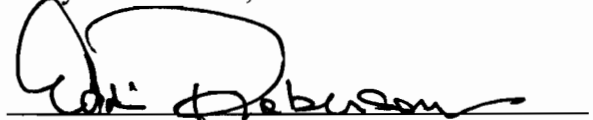
On February 9, 2011, the parties filed the *Joint Motion* in both of the arbitration dockets. In the *Joint Motion*, the parties reported that during negotiations, the parties agreed to amend their current Sprint CLEC/Sprint PCS - AT&T Interconnection agreements to extend their terms to and including March 1, 2012. The parties stated that because of that agreement, the parties determined to terminate all litigation arising from AT&T Tennessee's March 19, 2010 petitions and to close these arbitration dockets upon the parties' filing of the applicable Amendments to extend their existing interconnection agreements to March 1, 2012.

During the Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to grant the *Joint Motion to Withdraw Petitions and to Close Dockets*.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Mary W. Freeman, Chairman



Eddie Roberson, Director



Kenneth C. Hill, Director