

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**May 11, 2010**

**IN RE:**

**REQUEST OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
D/B/A AT&T TENNESSEE FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF  
CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL**

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**DOCKET NO.  
10-00057**

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**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
D/B/A AT&T TENNESSEE FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF GROWTH CODE DENIAL  
AND REVERSING CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL**

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This matter came before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director Eddie Roberson and Director Kenneth C. Hill of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (“TRA” or the “Authority”), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on April 26, 2010, for consideration of the *Petition for Expedited Review of Central Office Code Denial* filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee (“AT&T”) on April 9, 2010.

On April 7, 2010, AT&T submitted an application to the Pooling Administrator for the purpose of obtaining additional numbering resources to meet the demands of its customer, Dow Corning Corporation’s Hemlock Semiconductor, LLC (“Hemlock”). AT&T did not have sufficient number resources available in the Clarksville Rate Center (“Rate Center”) to fulfill the request of Hemlock. NXX assignment guidelines permit the assignment of additional codes only after a carrier demonstrates that a rate center has a 75% utilization rate and that its estimated exhaust date does not exceed six months.<sup>1</sup> Because the Rate Center utilization rate is approximately 65% and the estimated exhaust date is approximately 59 months, the Pooling Administrator denied the application by AT&T.

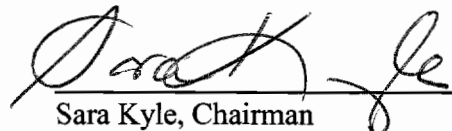
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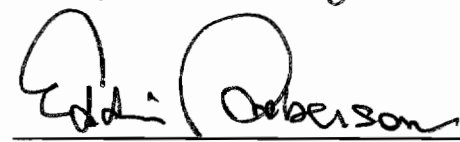
<sup>1</sup> See Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, *Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COCAG) Final Document*, ATIS 03-00051, section 4.3.1 (June 15, 2007).

The Federal Communications Commission authorized the Authority to review the Pooling Administrator's denial of a numbering application.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, the Federal Communications Commission stated that state commissions may overturn a decision of the Pooling Administrator when "a carrier demonstrates that it has received a customer request for numbering resources in a given rate center that it cannot meet with its current inventory."<sup>3</sup> After consideration of the facts contained in the record, the public interest, and this agency's responsibility to foster competition in the telecommunications industry,<sup>4</sup> the panel voted unanimously to approve the request of AT&T and reverse the Pooling Administrator's denial of AT&T's request for additional numbering resources.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Pooling Administrator's decision to deny BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee's request for additional numbering resources is reversed as stated herein.
2. The Pooling Administrator is ordered to assign two (2) one-thousand blocks of telephone numbers for the Clarksville Rate Center served by Switch Identification No. CLVLTNMADS0.

  
Sara Kyle, Chairman

  
Eddie Roberson, Director

  
Kenneth C. Hill, Director

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<sup>2</sup> *In re: Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, *Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-98 and CC Docket No. 99-200*, 17 FCC Rcd. 252, 279-83 ¶¶ 61-66 (2001).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* ¶ 64.

<sup>4</sup> See Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-123.