

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

August 17, 2010

IN RE:

**REQUEST OF FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS
OF AMERICA, INC. FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW
OF GROWTH CODE DENIAL**

)
)
)
)
)

**DOCKET NO.
10-00100**

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST OF FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF AMERICA,
INC. FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF GROWTH CODE DENIAL AND
REVERSING CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL**

This matter came before Chairman Mary W. Freeman, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on July 26, 2010, for consideration of the *Petition of Frontier Communications of America, Inc. for Expedited Review of Thousand Number Block Denials* filed on May 18, 2010 and amended on June 21, 2010.

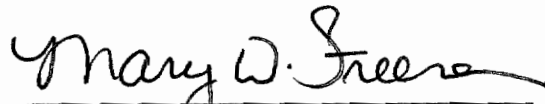
On May 10, 2010, Frontier Communications of America, Inc. ("Frontier") submitted a National Pooling Request for a thousand block in each of the following four rate centers: Crossville, McMinnville, Monterey and Sparta ("Rate Centers") to accomplish the initiation and establishment of a new combined service option to meet the needs of its customers. 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.¹ Because the Rate Centers' utilization rates are between 2% and 2.4% and the estimated exhaust dates are each under six months, the Pooling Administrator denied the application by Frontier. On May 18, 2010, Frontier filed a request asking the TRA to review the denial of the Pooling Administrator.

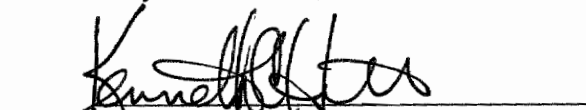
¹ See Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, *Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COCAG) Final Document*, ATIS 03-00051, section 4.3.1 (September 26, 2008).

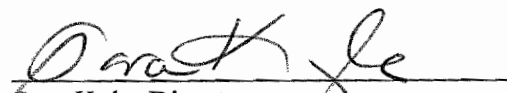
The Federal Communications Commission authorized the Authority to review the Pooling Administrator's denial of a numbering application.² Specifically, the Federal Communications Commission stated that state commissions may overturn a decision of the Pooling Administrator when "a carrier demonstrates that it has received a customer request for numbering resources in a given rate center that it cannot meet with its current inventory."³ The Authority finds that Frontier has demonstrated that its initiation and establishment of the new combined service will result in customer requests that it cannot meet with its current inventory in the Rate Centers. After consideration of the facts contained in the record, the public interest, and this agency's responsibility to foster competition in the telecommunications industry,⁴ the panel voted unanimously to approve the request of Frontier and reverse the Pooling Administrator's denial of Frontier's request for additional numbering resources.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Pooling Administrator's decision to deny Frontier Communications of America Inc.'s request for additional numbering resources is reversed as stated herein.
2. The Pooling Administrator is ordered to assign four (4) one-thousand blocks of telephone numbers to Switch Identification No. CKVLTXARS3 for use in the Crossville, McMinnville, Monterey and Sparta Rate Centers.


Mary W. Freeman, Chairman


Kenneth C. Hill, Director


Sara Kyle, Director

² *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).

³ *Id.* ¶ 64.

⁴ See Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-123.