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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Lance J.M. Steinhart, Esq.
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RE: Docket No. 10-00128, *Application of Smart Connections, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Competing Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in Tennessee*

Dear Mr. Steinhart:

CLEC applicants are required, by statute, to demonstrate their managerial, financial and technical abilities to provide the services for which they seek authority. To further assist the Authority in its review of Smart Connections, Inc.'s application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide competing local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in Tennessee, you are requested to provide the following information:

- 1) Does Smart Connections, Inc. have a parent company or any affiliates?
- 2) If there are affiliates or a parent company for Smart Connections, Inc., have any of those companies been denied either a certificate of authority to provide competing local telecommunications services in any state or denied ETC Designation by any state commission or the FCC?
- 3) If there are affiliates or a parent company for Smart Connections, Inc. have any of those companies been the subject of an investigation by any state or federal agency or governmental body?
- 4) Does the sole officer of the company, Stephanie Brannon, have any affiliation with or connection to any telecommunications services provider that is or has been under investigation by any other state or federal agency for non-compliance with any state or federal rule or statute?
- 5) Does Smart Connections, Inc. intend to request ETC Designation if granted a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide telecommunications services in Tennessee?

Please provide the above information by September 10, 2010. In accordance with TRA Rules, please submit either (1) thirteen written copies of your response or (2) four written copies and an

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electronic version and reference Docket No. 10-00128 on the correspondence. If you have questions concerning this request or need additional information, please contact Lisa Foust at 615-741-2904 extension 220.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Foster", written in a cursive style.

David Foster
Utilities Division Chief

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