

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**April 21, 2011**

**IN RE:**

**PETITION OF SMART CONNECTIONS, INC. FOR A CCN  
TO PROVIDE COMPETING LOCAL EXCHANGE AND  
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES  
IN TENNESSEE**

**DOCKET NO.  
10-00128**

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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST  
OF SMART CONNECTIONS, INC TO CLOSE DOCKET**

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This matter is before the Hearing Officer upon the letter of Smart Connections, Inc. ("Smart Connections") filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") on February 11, 2011, requesting withdrawal, without prejudice, of its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Competing Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in Tennessee. In addition, Smart Connections "... requests that all Confidential and Proprietary documents provided by the Company in its data request responses, namely the Letters of Credit contained in Exhibit A of the Company's response to Staff Data Request No. 4, be returned immediately . . . or destroyed."<sup>1</sup>

Based on the foregoing and upon the record, as evidenced in the docket file of this matter, the Hearing Officer hereby grants Smart Connections' request to withdraw its Application. Further, the Hearing Officer concludes that the Letter of Credit, filed as Exhibit A to Smart Connections' response to Staff Data Request No. 4, should be returned as requested to counsel of record and the docket file closed. Nonetheless, the Hearing Officer determines that the filings of

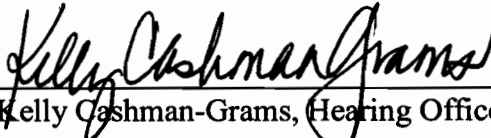
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<sup>1</sup> Letter dated February 11, 2011 from Lance J.M. Steinhart, Attorney for Smart Connections, Inc.

the Company constitute the record in this docket and should therefore remain in the Authority's official docket file. Thus, the Hearing Officer does not order the return or destruction of the documents that comprise the record of this docket.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Smart Connections, Inc.'s request to withdraw its Application, which seeks authority to provide telecommunications services in Tennessee, filed in the docket file on June 28, 2010, is approved without prejudice.
2. The Letter of Credit, contained in Exhibit A of Smart Connections, Inc.'s response to Staff Data Request No. 4, shall be sent via certified mail marked return receipt to counsel of record for Smart Connections, Inc.
3. Upon receipt of confirmation of delivery of the Letter of Credit by certified mail, the docket file shall be administratively closed.

  
Kelly Cashman-Grams, Hearing Officer