

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**May 3, 2011**

**IN RE:**

**APPLICATION OF CENTURYTEL OF  
OOLTEWAH-COLLEGEDALE, INC. D/B/A  
CENTURYLINK OOLTEWAH-COLLEGEDALE  
TO ENTER PRICE REGULATION**

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**DOCKET NO.  
11-00024**

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**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION TO ENTER PRICE REGULATION**

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This matter came before Chairman Mary W. Freeman, Director Eddie Roberson and Director Kenneth C. Hill of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on April 18, 2011 for consideration of the *Application* filed on February 7, 2011 by CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale ("CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale" or "Company"). The Company seeks Authority approval to enter price regulation pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109 (Supp. 2010).

**BACKGROUND**

CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale serves residential and business customers in southeast Hamilton County, including the cities of Apison, Collegedale and Ooltewah. In its *Application*, the Company states that it will comply with all statutes, rules and regulations applicable to price regulated companies, including complying with the rate cap for basic local exchange telephone services set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109(f).

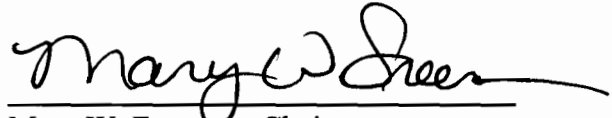
**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Tenn. Code Ann § 65-5-109 (Supp. 2010) governs the entry into price regulation. The Authority reviewed the Company's *Application* pursuant to statutory requirements and found

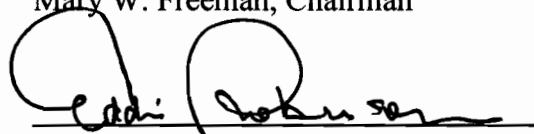
that it met all such requirements. Thereafter, the panel voted unanimously to approve the *Application*.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

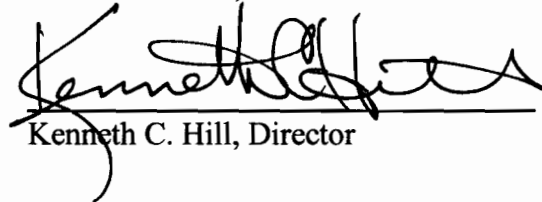
The *Application* filed by CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale is approved.

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Mary W. Freeman, Chairman

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Eddie Roberson, Director

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Kenneth C. Hill, Director