

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 4, 2011

IN RE:

**APPLICATION OF CENTURYTEL OF
CLAIBORNE, INC. D/B/A CENTURLINK
CLAIBORNE TO ENTER PRICE REGULATION**

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**DOCKET NO.
11-00025**

ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION TO ENTER PRICE REGULATION

This matter came before Chairman Mary W. Freeman, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director Sara Kyle 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 Claiborne, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Claiborne ("CenturyLink Claiborne" or "Company"). The Company seeks Authority approval to enter price regulation pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109 (Supp. 2010).

BACKGROUND

CenturyLink Claiborne serves residential and business customers in Claiborne County, including the cities of New Tazewell and Sharps Chapel. 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

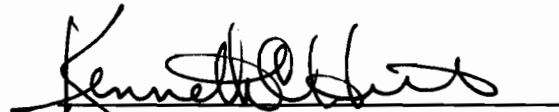
Tenn. Code Ann § 65-5-109 (Supp. 2010) governs the entry into price regulation. The Authority reviewed the Company's *Application* pursuant to statutory requirements and found

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 Claiborne, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Claiborne is approved.


Mary W. Freeman, Chairman


Kenneth C. Hill, Director


Sara Kyle, Director