

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 25, 2011

IN RE:)	
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REQUEST OF CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	DOCKET NO.
COMPANY OF TENNESSEE, L.L.C. D/B/A)	11-00035
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF)	
TENNESSEE FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF)	
GROWTH CODE DENIAL)	

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST OF CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COMPANY OF TENNESSEE, L.L.C. D/B/A FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS
COMPANY OF TENNESSEE FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF GROWTH CODE
DENIAL AND REVERSING CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL**

This matter came before Chairman Mary W. Freeman, Director Eddie Roberson 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 May 9, 2011 for consideration of the *Petition of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, L.L.C. d/b/a Frontier Communications Company of Tennessee for Expedited Review of Central Office Code Denial* filed on March 7, 2011.

On January 21, 2011, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, L.L.C. d/b/a Frontier Communications Company of Tennessee ("Frontier") submitted an application to the Pooling Administrator for the purpose of obtaining additional numbering resources to establish a Location Routing Number ("LRN") in its newly installed switch in the Cookeville Rate Center ("Rate Center"). 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 Center utilization rate is approximately 47% and the estimated exhaust date is approximately 237 months, the Pooling Administrator denied the application by Frontier. On March 7, 2011, Frontier filed a request asking the TRA to review the denial of the Pooling Administrator.

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 or as in this case, when a company installs a new switch and must establish an LRN.⁴ After consideration of the facts contained in the record, the public interest, and this agency's responsibility to foster competition in the telecommunications industry,⁵ 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 Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, L.L.C. d/b/a Frontier Communications Company of Tennessee Inc.'s request for additional numbering resources is reversed, as stated herein.

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).

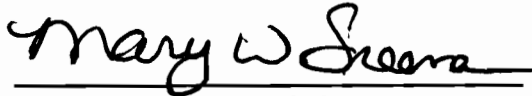
² *In re: Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, *Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-98 and CC Docket No. 99-200*, 17 FCC Rcd. 252, 279-83 ¶¶ 61-66 (2001).

³ *Id.* ¶ 64.

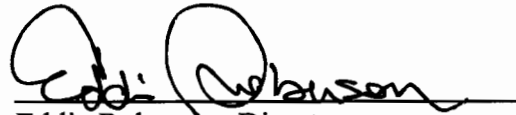
⁴ *In re: ATIS Location Routing Number (LRN) Assignment Practices*, Final Document, ATIS 0300065, pp. 3-5 (September 26, 2008).

⁵ See Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-123.

2. The Pooling Administrator is ordered to assign one additional 10,000 block in the 931 area code to Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, L.L.C. d/b/a Frontier Communications Company of Tennessee for the Cookeville rate area served by Switch Identification No. CKVLTNXAPS0.



Mary W. Freeman, Chairman



Eddie Roberson, Director



Sara Kyle, Director