

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**May 25, 2011**

**IN RE:**

**REQUEST OF MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION  
SERVICES D/B/A VERIZON ACCESS TRANSMISSION  
SERVICES FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF CENTRAL  
OFFICE CODE DENIAL**

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**DOCKET NO.  
11-00053**

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**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST OF MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES  
D/B/A VERIZON ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF  
GROWTH CODE DENIAL AND REVERSING CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL**

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This matter came before Chairman Mary W. Freeman, Director Kenneth C. Hill 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 Verizon Access for Expedited Review of Central Office Code Denial* filed by MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services ("Verizon") on April 13, 2011.

On March 9, 2011, Verizon submitted an application to the Pooling Administrator for the purpose of obtaining additional numbering resources to meet the demands of one of its large business customers. Verizon did not have sufficient numbering resources available in the Smyrna Rate Center ("Rate Center") to fulfill the request of its customer. 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.<sup>1</sup> Because the Rate

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<sup>1</sup> See Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, *Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COCAG) Final Document*, ATIS 03-00051, section 4.3.1 (June 15, 2007).

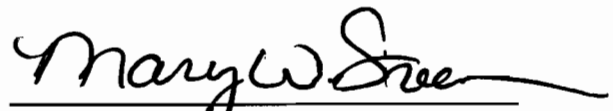
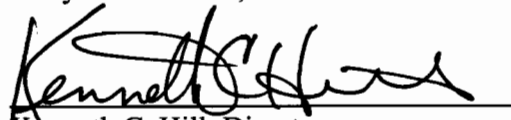
Center utilization rate is approximately 33% and the estimated exhaust date is approximately 4 months, the Pooling Administrator denied the application by Verizon.

The Federal Communications Commission authorized the Authority to review the Pooling Administrator's denial of a numbering application.<sup>2</sup> 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."<sup>3</sup> After consideration of the facts contained in the record, the public interest, and this agency's responsibility to foster competition in the telecommunications industry,<sup>4</sup> the panel voted unanimously to approve the request of Verizon and reverse the Pooling Administrator's denial of Verizon's request for additional numbering resources.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Pooling Administrator's decision to deny MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services' request for additional numbering resources is reversed as stated herein.

2. The Pooling Administrator is ordered to assign one (1) one-thousand block of telephone numbers for the Smyrna Rate Center served by Switch Identification No. NSVMTN03DS0.

  
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Mary W. Freeman, Chairman  
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Sara Kyle, Director

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<sup>2</sup> *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).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* ¶ 64.

<sup>4</sup> See Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-123.