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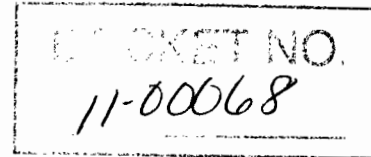
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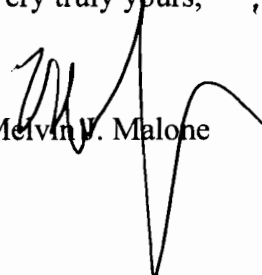
RE: Notice of Intent to Operate Pursuant to Market Regulation

Dear Chairman Freeman:

Please accept this letter as notice that Bristol Tennessee Essential Services ("BTES") desires to operate pursuant to the Market Regulation Act of 2009 (Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109). BTES provides both local and long distance service in its service areas.

An additional copy of the letter is enclosed to be filed-stamped for our records. If you have any questions or require additional information, please let us know.

Very truly yours,


Melvin J. Malone

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Enclosure