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Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: Dockets 11-00103, 11-00104, and 11-00105  
Market Regulation Notices for Three CenturyLink Companies

Dear Mr. Foster:

Notices electing market regulation were recently filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (“TRA” or “Authority”) by the following three incumbent local exchange carriers: (1) CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale d/b/a CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale; (2) CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Claiborne; and (3) CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Adamsville (hereinafter collectively “CenturyLink” or the “Companies”). CenturyLink files this legal analysis, along with attached Exhibits, demonstrating that these three Companies, which have exchanges with 3,000 lines or less, meet the statutory criteria for market regulation under T.C.A. § 65-5-109.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

On July 7, 2011, the aforementioned three Companies filed letter notices of intention to operate pursuant to market regulation in accordance with amended T.C.A. Section 65-5-109 enacted May 21, 2009. By letter dated August 24, 2011, you requested that the Companies provide, by August 31, 2011, all relevant evidence of the Companies’ “position/legal argument (including specific statutory references) for allowing these three companies to move under market regulation.” A copy of the August 24, 2011 letter is attached hereto at Exhibit A.

## **II. THE THREE COMPANIES QUALIFY FOR MARKET REGULATION DUE TO TERRITORY-WIDE PRICING**

CenturyLink meets the statutory criteria for market regulation for the three Companies. T.C.A. § 65-5-109(l)(1) allows incumbent local exchange carriers operating pursuant to price regulation to elect, at their sole discretion, to operate pursuant to market regulation by filing a notice of their intent to do so with the Authority. By statute, this notice is effective immediately upon filing. T.C.A. § 65-5-109(l)(1).

T.C.A. § 65-5-109(o), however, establishes additional criteria for incumbent local exchange providers to be eligible to elect market regulation for residential local exchange telecommunications services that are offered in exchanges with 3,000 lines or less. In order to avail themselves of market regulation of such services in exchanges with 3,000 lines or less, carriers with one million access lines or less in the state (such as CenturyLink) must offer statewide or territory-wide pricing. T.C.A. § 65-5-109(o). Carriers serving less than one million access lines in-state with single, individually priced services or rate group specific pricing must meet the competitive showing described in T.C.A. §§ 65-5-109(o)(1) – (o)(7) to gain market regulation of residential local exchange telecommunications services.<sup>1</sup>

CenturyLink is an incumbent local exchange carrier operating pursuant to price regulation. CenturyLink has less than one million access lines in Tennessee and offers territory-wide pricing for residential basic local exchange service for each of the three Companies filing notices on July 7, 2011 of intent to elect to operate pursuant to market regulation. Attached as Exhibit B is a declaration from Lottie Ryans, the General Manager for the Companies, attesting to the Companies' offering of territory-wide rates relative to each of the three Companies.

CenturyLink's interpretation of T.C.A. § 65-5-109(o) is based on not only the plain language of the statute, but also on its participation in the legislative process leading to passage of the Market Regulation Act of 2009 – HB 1698. CenturyLink participated in the House Commerce Committee meetings where amendments to the language of the Market Regulation Act of 2009 were discussed to enable companies with statewide or territory-wide pricing to become immediately eligible for market regulation. Attached as Exhibits C and D are letters from Representative Lundberg, the co-sponsor of the legislation, and Representative McCormick, the primary House sponsor of the legislation, affirming CenturyLink's interpretation that CenturyLink is eligible for market regulation in all exchanges without needing to make a competitive showing because of CenturyLink's territory-wide pricing.

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<sup>1</sup> Similarly, carriers serving more than one million access lines in the state with rate-group specific pricing cannot elect market regulation in those exchanges with access line counts and calling areas classified as rate group 1 or 2 under any such carrier's tariff in effect on January 1, 2009 until the competitive showing in T.C.A. 65-5-109(o)(1) – (o)(7) is made.

### **III. THE TRA PREVIOUSLY RECOGNIZED MARKET REGULATION ELECTION BASED UPON CENTURYLINK'S DEMONSTRATION OF TERRITORY-WIDE PRICING FOR EXCHANGES WITH 3,000 LINES OR LESS**

CenturyLink has previously demonstrated compliance with the statutory criteria for market regulation under T.C.A. § 65-5-109 concerning United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a CenturyLink. Specifically, on September 11, 2009, United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a CenturyLink filed a notice of intent to operate pursuant to market regulation in all of its exchanges.<sup>2</sup> As result of filings seeking to withdraw certain tariffs, the Authority suspended for 60 days portions of the proposed tariffs relating to exchanges with less than 3,000 access lines. The Authority further directed CenturyLink to “file a statement of its legal analysis demonstrating compliance with the statutory conditions or basis for its exclusion that allows its exchanges with less than 3000 access lines to be placed under market regulation.”<sup>3</sup> On May 12, 2010, United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a CenturyLink filed a letter demonstrating that its exchanges with 3,000 lines or less meet the statutory criteria for market regulation under T.C.A. § 65-5-109 because it offered territory-wide pricing and thus could elect market regulation. Attached as Exhibit E is the May 12, 2010 letter fling of CenturyLink (*sans* Exhibits) regarding market regulation for United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, which included exchanges with 3,000 lines or less.

The matter was addressed at the Authority’s Conference held on June 7, 2010, Docket No. 10-00055. The *Order Lifting Suspension and Placing Tariff in Effect* noted that “incumbent local exchange providers having a territory-wide price are not required to demonstrate compliance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109(o) (1) through (7) for those exchanges with less than 3,000 lines in order for those exchanges to come under market regulation.” United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a CenturyLink thus demonstrated it had territory-wide pricing as of the date it filed its notice of market regulation. A copy of the Authority’s Order is attached hereto as Exhibit F. The same interpretation and documentation (albeit the declaration at Exhibit B attached to this filing applies to the three Companies) presented at Docket No. 10-00055 are hereby provided in response to your instant request.

### **IV. CONCLUSION**

As addressed above and in the attached Exhibits, all of CenturyLink’s exchanges, including exchanges for the three Companies electing market regulation per the July 7, 2011 letter notices, qualify for market regulation under T.C.A. § 65-5-109. CenturyLink respectfully requests that the TRA and/or Authority Staff complete its review as soon as possible.

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<sup>2</sup> See, TRA Docket No. 09-00134.

<sup>3</sup> Transcript of April 16, 2010 Agenda Conference for Docket No. 10-00055, pp. 1-2.

David Foster, Chief Utilities Director  
August 31, 2011  
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A written original of this submission is submitted for electronic filing. In addition, as requested, four (4) written copies are hand delivered for filing. Should you have any questions, please contact Pam Wescott (at 615.255.0155) or me (at 717.245.6346).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sue Benedek", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sue Benedek, Esquire

ZEB/jh

Enclosures

cc: Pamela Wescott  
David Dickey  
Lottie Ryans

# TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



460 James Robertson Parkway  
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August 24, 2011

Pamela Wescott  
611 Commerce Street  
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Nashville, TN 37203

Dear Pam:

In order to complete Staff's review of your market regulation notices for CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Adamsville, and Claiborne (Dockets 11-00103, 11-00104 and 11-00105 respectively), it is requested that you provide CenturyTel's position/legal argument (including specific statutory references) for allowing these three companies to move under market regulation. Also, please include all relevant evidence supporting your company's position.

This information should be provided no later than Wednesday, August 31, 2011 and should reference Docket Numbers 11-00103, 11-00104 and 11-00105 on the response. In accordance with Authority rules submit either (1) thirteen written copies of your response or (2) four written copies and an electronic version. Should you have any questions or need clarification of this request, please contact me at (615) 741-2904, extension 188.

Sincerely,

David Foster, Chief  
Utilities Division

C: Docket File

## DECLARATION

I, Lottie Ryans, the General Manager for CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale d/b/a CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale, CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Claiborne, and CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Adamsville, do hereby state and declare as follows:

1. On July 7, 2011, CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale d/b/a CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale, CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Claiborne, and CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Adamsville (hereinafter "Companies") filed notices of intent to operate under market regulation.
2. I am familiar with the operations of the Companies – all of which are situated in the State of Tennessee.
3. On the date of the Companies' filing of market regulation notices, each of the Companies had territory-wide pricing for its residential basic local exchange services in Tennessee.

Signature: *Lottie F Ryans*Printed Name: Lottie F RyansDate: 8/30/11STATE OF TennesseeCOUNTY OF WashingtonOn 30, Aug, 2011, Lottie Ryans

personally appeared before me.

✓ who is personally known to me.       whose identity I proved on the bases of              whose identity I proved on the oath/affirmation of              a credible witness.

to be the signer of the above instrument, and he/she acknowledged that he/she signed it.

Pamela Otey

Notary Public

My commission expires: 04/25/2015



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NORTHEAST TENNESSEE CAUCUS

April 15, 2010

Dear Pam:

At your request, I write concerning the Market Regulation Act of 2009 which I co-sponsored and also supported as a member of the House Commerce Committee. The bill as passed allows incumbent local telephone providers to elect market regulation for retail services.

As a legislator representing District 1 where CenturyLink (formerly Embarq) provides telephone service, I was interested in the law applying equally to all providers in the state and not to AT&T alone. Language was added to the bill in late May of 2009 as part of an amendment to enable companies to elect market regulation for exchanges with less than 3,000 access line; provided those companies have state-wide or territory-wide pricing.

With its territory-wide pricing, Century-Link is eligible to market regulation in all exchanges without making a competitive showing.

I hope this helps and please let me know if I need to provide you with additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jon Lundberg".

Jon Lundberg  
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Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Ms. Pam Wescott  
611 Commerce Street, Suite 2605  
Nashville, TN 37203

Dear Pam,

At your request, I write concerning the Market Regulation Act of 2009- HB 1698. The bill as passed allows incumbent local telephone providers to elect market regulation for retail services.

As the primary House Sponsor of the legislation, I was interested in the law applying equally to all providers in the state not just for AT&T. Language was added to the bill in late May as part of an amendment to enable companies to elect market regulation for exchanges with less than 3,000 access lines, provided those companies have state-wide or territory-wide pricing.

With its territory-wide pricing, CenturyLink-former Embarq is eligible for market regulation in all exchanges without making a competitive showing.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gerald McCormick", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Gerald McCormick  
State Representative  
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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Chairman Sara Kyle  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: Docket No. 10-00055; United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a CenturyLink  
Request to Withdraw Certain Tariffs Pursuant to Operating under Market  
Regulation

Dear Chairman Kyle:

United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") files this legal analysis as requested by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") at its conference held April 12, 2010 to demonstrate that CenturyLink's exchanges with 3000 lines or less meet the statutory criteria for market regulation under T.C.A. § 65-5-109.

**I. BACKGROUND**

On September 11, 2009, CenturyLink filed a notice of intent to operate pursuant to market regulation in all of its exchanges.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to T.C.A. § 65-5-109(l)(1), that notice was effective upon filing. The Authority took official notice of this filing at its October 26, 2009 conference and asked CenturyLink (along with other companies electing market regulation) to file tariffs stating specifically which pages proposed to be withdrawn, and also noting that tariffs on file for Lifeline, Linkup, switched access and special access services were to remain on file.<sup>2</sup>

By letter dated March 25, 2010, CenturyLink filed to withdraw the following tariffs in their entirety:

United Telephone Southeast LLC (d/b/a CenturyLink) General Subscriber Services Tariff  
United Telephone Southeast LLC (d/b/a CenturyLink) Interexchange Services Tariff

In addition, CenturyLink reissued its General Subscriber Services Tariff to include the following sections: Lifeline, Link-Up Tennessee, Charges Applicable Under Special Conditions (Construction Charges), and FCC Designated N11 Services (Telecommunications Relay Service (711), Universal Emergency Number Service (911) and Enhanced Universal Emergency Number Service (E911)). CenturyLink requested an effective date of April 16, 2010 for these tariffs. On

<sup>1</sup> See TRA Docket No. 09-00134.

<sup>2</sup> Transcript of Oct. 26, 2009 Agenda Meeting, Section 1.

April 5, 2010, CenturyLink received a request from Authority Staff to provide the number of lines in each of its exchanges. On April 6, 2010, CenturyLink provided the requested information, showing that eight (8) of CenturyLink's 20 exchanges have fewer than 3000 access lines. At the Authority's Agenda Conference on April 16, 2010, the Authority suspended the portion of the CenturyLink's proposed tariffs relating to exchanges with less than 3000 access lines for 60 days. In addition, the Authority directed CenturyLink to "file a statement of its legal analysis demonstrating compliance with the statutory conditions or basis for its exclusion that allows its exchanges with less than 3000 access lines to be placed under market regulation."<sup>3</sup>

## **II. CENTURYLINK QUALIFIES FOR MARKET REGULATION IN ALL EXCHANGES BECAUSE IT HAS TERRITORY-WIDE PRICING**

CenturyLink meets the statutory criteria for market regulation in all exchanges, including those with fewer than 3000 lines. T.C.A. § 65-5-109(l)(1) allows incumbent local exchange carriers operating pursuant to price regulation to, in their sole discretion, elect to operate pursuant to market regulation by filing a notice of their intent to do so with the Authority. By statute, this notice is effective immediately upon filing. T.C.A. § 65-5-109(l)(1).

T.C.A. § 65-5-109(o), however, establishes additional criteria for incumbent local exchange providers to be eligible to elect market regulation for residential local exchange telecommunications services that are offered in exchanges with 3000 lines or less. In order to avail themselves of market regulation of such services in exchanges with 3000 lines or less, carriers with one million access lines or less in the state (such as CenturyLink) must offer statewide or territory-wide pricing. T.C.A. § 65-5-109(o). Carriers serving less than one million access lines in-state with single, individually priced services or rate group specific pricing must meet the competitive showing described in T.C.A. § 65-5-109(o)(1) – (o)(7) to gain market regulation of residential local exchange telecommunications services.<sup>4</sup>

CenturyLink is an incumbent local exchange carrier operating pursuant to price regulation. CenturyLink has less than one million access lines in Tennessee offers territory-wide pricing for residential basic local exchange service. CenturyLink offered that territory-wide rate on the date it filed for market regulation. Attached as Exhibit A is a declaration from Lottie Ryans, CenturyLink's General Manager in Tennessee, attesting to CenturyLink's offering of a territory-wide rate as of the date of its market regulation filing.

CenturyLink's interpretation of T.C.A. § 65-5-109(o) is based on not only the plain language of the statute, but also on its participation in the legislative process leading to passage of the Market Regulation Act of 2009 – HB 1698. CenturyLink participated in the House Commerce Committee meetings where amendments to the language of the Market Regulation Act of 2009 were discussed to enable companies with statewide or territory-wide pricing to become immediately eligible for market regulation. Attached as Exhibits B and C are letters from Representative Lundberg, the co-sponsor of the legislation, and Representative

<sup>3</sup> Transcript of April 16, 2010 Agenda Conference for Docket No. 10-00055, pp. 1-2.

<sup>4</sup> Similarly, carriers serving more than one million access lines in the state with rate-group specific pricing cannot elect market regulation in those exchanges with access line counts and calling areas classified as rate group 1 or 2 under any such carrier's tariff in effect on January 1, 2009 until the competitive showing in T.C.A. 65-5-109(o)(1) – (o)(7) is made.



McCormick, the primary House sponsor of the legislation, affirming CenturyLink's interpretation that CenturyLink is eligible for market regulation in all exchanges without needing to make a competitive showing because of CenturyLink's territory-wide pricing.

**III. CENTURYLINK'S REQUEST TO WITHDRAW AND REISSUE ITS  
TARIFFS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GO INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

As discussed above, all of CenturyLink's exchanges qualify for market regulation under T.C.A. § 65-5-109. CenturyLink respectfully requests that its tariff filing be allowed to go into effect for the remaining exchanges as soon as possible.

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An original and four (4) copies of this submission are enclosed as a follow-up to its electronic filing. Please date-stamp and return the enclosed extra copy in the envelope provided. Should you have any questions, please contact myself at (919) 554-7621 or Pam Wescott at (615) 255-0155.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jeanne W. Stockman" with a stylized "Kc" to the right.

Jeanne W. Stockman

JWS:rc

Enclosures

cc: David Dickey  
Pamela Wescott

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**July 22, 2010**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>TARIFF FILING BY UNITED TELEPHONE</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO.</b>
<b>SOUTHEAST LLC D/B/A CENTURYLINK TO</b>	)	<b>10-00055</b>
<b>WITHDRAW CERTAIN TARIFFS PURSUANT TO</b>	)	
<b>OPERATING UNDER MARKET REGULATION</b>	)	

**ORDER LIFTING SUSPENSION AND PLACING TARIFF IN EFFECT**

This matter came before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director Mary W. Freeman of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or the "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on June 7, 2010 for consideration of lifting the suspension of the proposed tariff filed by United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink" or "Company") on March 26, 2010 related to the Company's exchanges with less than 3,000 lines.

**BACKGROUND**

On September 11, 2009, the Company (then doing business as United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a Embarq) submitted a letter notifying the Authority of its intent to operate pursuant to market regulation as set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109. The letter was assigned Docket No. 09-00134 and appeared on the October 26, 2009 regularly scheduled Authority Conference. In its letter to the Authority, the Company stated that it planned to withdraw tariffs as allowed under the market regulation statutes at a later date.<sup>1</sup> On March 26, 2010, the Company filed a letter with the Authority stating that it was withdrawing the following tariffs in their entirety:

<sup>1</sup> Following action in Docket No. 09-00134, United Telephone Southeast LLC changed its d/b/a to CenturyLink.

United Telephone Southeast LLC (d/b/a CenturyLink) General Subscriber Services Tariff;  
 United Telephone Southeast LLC (d/b/a CenturyLink) Interexchange Services Tariff.

CenturyLink also reissued its General Subscriber Services Tariff to include the following sections: Lifeline, Link-Up Tennessee, Charges Applicable Under Special Conditions (Construction Charges), and FCC Designated N11 Services (Telecommunications Relay Service (711), Universal Emergency Number Service (911) and Enhanced Universal Emergency Number Service (E911)). The effective date for these filings was April 16, 2010.

In response to these filings, Authority Staff sent a data request to CenturyLink asking for the number of lines in each of CenturyLink's exchanges. On April 6, 2010, CenturyLink responded to the data request, showing that eight of CenturyLink's twenty exchanges have fewer than 3,000 access lines. Authority Staff then obtained a docket number for CenturyLink's filing and placed the docket on the April 12, 2010 Authority Conference agenda for the Authority to examine whether those exchanges of CenturyLink having fewer than 3,000 access lines would qualify for market regulation under Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109(o). On April 12, 2010, the Authority suspended for sixty (60) days that portion of CenturyLink's proposed tariffs relating to exchanges with less than 3,000 access lines. In addition, the Authority directed CenturyLink to "file a statement of its legal analysis demonstrating compliance with the statutory conditions or basis for its exclusion that allows its exchanges with less than 3,000 access lines to be placed under market regulation."<sup>2</sup>

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109(o) permits incumbent local exchange companies (ILECs) with less than one million access lines (such as CenturyLink) to operate under market regulation

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<sup>2</sup> *Order Suspending Tariffs for Sixty Days* (April 30, 2010).

but provides specific qualifications that must be met in order for exchanges with less than three thousand (3,000) access lines to enter market regulation.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109(o) provides as follows:

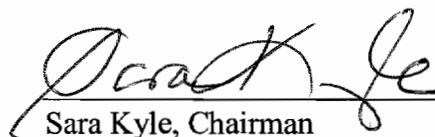
(o) Incumbent local exchange providers that have elected market regulation shall not be entitled to the limitation on authority jurisdiction in subsection (n) with respect to those residential local exchange telecommunications services that are offered in exchanges with less than three thousand (3,000) access lines or, for carriers who serve more than one million (1,000,000) access lines in this state, those exchanges with access line counts and calling areas that would result in classification as rate group 1 or 2 under any such carrier's tariff in effect on January 1, 2009, and that are offered as single, individually priced services at a rate-group specific price rather than a state-wide or *territory-wide price . . .* (*Emphasis added*).

Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109(o)(1) through (7) provides the criteria that must be met in order for market regulation exemptions to apply to those exchanges otherwise excluded under Subsection (o).

At the regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on June 7, 2010, Jeanne W. Stockman, Regulatory Counsel for CenturyLink, presented CenturyLink's position and legal basis for its tariff filing on certain exchanges under market regulation. No person or entity sought intervention in the docket. Thereafter, the panel found that based on the statements of counsel and the entire record, incumbent local exchange providers having a territory-wide price are not required to demonstrate compliance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109(o)(1) through (7) for those exchanges with less than 3,000 access lines in order for those exchanges to come under market regulation. The panel further found that inasmuch as CenturyLink has demonstrated that it has territory-wide pricing and had such as of the date that it filed its notice of market regulation, the suspension of CenturyLink's tariff pertaining to those eight exchanges having less than 3,000 access lines should be lifted, and the entire tariff filed by CenturyLink on March 26, 2010 should be placed in effect.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The suspension of United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a CenturyLink's tariff filed on March 26, 2010 invoking market regulation as to its eight exchanges having less than 3,000 access lines is hereby lifted, and the entire tariff is effective as of June 7, 2010.

  
Sara Kyle, Chairman

  
Kenneth C. Hill, Director

  
Mary W. Freeman, Director