BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:)
COMPLAINT OF CONCORD TELEPHONE EXCHANGE,) DOCKET NO.
INC., HUMPHREYS COUNTY TELEPHONE CO.,) 11-00108
TELLICO TELEPHONE COMPANY, TENNESSEE)
TELEPHONE COMPANY, CROCKETT TELEPHONE)
COMPANY, INC., PEOPLES TELEPHONE COMPANY,)
WEST TENNESSEE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.,)
NORTH CENTRAL TELEPHONE COOP., INC. AND)
HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.)
AGAINST HALO WIRELESS, LLC, TRANSCOM)
ENHANCED SERVICES, INC AND OTHER AFFILIATES)
FOR FAILURE TO PAY TERMINATING INTRASTATE)
ACCESS CHARGES FOR TRAFFIC AND OTHER)
RELIEF AND AUTHORITY TO CEASE TERMINATION)
OF TRAFFIC)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO AMEND COMPLAINT

This matter came before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") at a Scheduling Conference held on December 12, 2011 on the Motion to Amend Complaint filed on November 16, 2011 by Complainants Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc., et al. Respondents Halo Wireless, Inc. and Transcom Enhanced Service, Inc. filed an Opposition to Motion to Amend Complaint on December 1, 2011.

The parties were represented as follows:

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During the Scheduling Conference, following oral argument on Respondents' motions to dismiss the complaint, the Hearing Officer asked the parties to present argument on the Motion to Amend. Counsel for Respondents stated that Respondents did not object to the Hearing Officer's granting the Motion to Amend but wished merely to state that the terms of the Order of the Bankruptcy Court lifting, on a limited basis, the automatic stay in Respondents' bankruptcy proceeding do not permit entry of a cease and desist order by the TRA, as requested by Complainants.¹ Although the Hearing Officer makes no determination at this time as to the correctness of Halo's interpretation of the Bankruptcy Court's Order, Halo's statement is duly noted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The Motion to Amend Complaint is granted.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Kenneth C. Hill, Hearing Officer

¹ Transcript of Proceedings, p. 42 (December 12, 2011). The relevant Order of the Bankruptcy Court is at In re: Halo Wireless, Inc., Case No. 11-42464, Bkrtcy. E. D. Tex., Order Granting Motion of TDS to Determine That the Automatic Stay Is Not Applicable, or Alternatively, to Lift the Automatic Stay Without Waiver of 30-Day Hearing Requirement, p. 2 (October 26, 2011).