

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 17, 2011

IN RE:

**REQUEST OF TCG MIDSOUTH, INC.
FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF CENTRAL
OFFICE CODE DENIAL**

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**DOCKET NO.
11-00167**

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST OF TCG MIDSOUTH, INC.
FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF GROWTH CODE DENIAL
AND REVERSING CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL**

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the “Authority”), at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on October 17, 2011 for consideration of the *Petition of TCG MidSouth, Inc. for Review of Central Office Code Denial* filed by TCG MidSouth, Inc. (“TCG”) on September 29, 2011.


On August 17, 2011, TCG submitted an application to the Number Pooling Administrator (“Neustar”) for the purpose of obtaining additional numbering resources to meet the demands of its customer, Rich Products Corporation. Specifically, TCG did not have sufficient numbering resources available in the Gallatin Rate Center (the “Rate Center”) to fulfill Rich Products Corporation’s request. 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’s utilization rate is currently approximately 23% and the estimated exhaustion date is approximately 86 months, Neustar denied the application by TCG.


¹ 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).


The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has authorized the Authority to review the Pooling Administrator's denial of a numbering application.² Specifically, the FCC has stated that a state commission may overturn a decision of the Number 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 After consideration of the facts contained in the record, the public interest, and this agency's responsibility to foster competition in the telecommunications industry,⁴ the Directors voted unanimously to approve the request of TCG and reverse Neustar's denial of TCG's request for additional numbering resources in the Rate Center.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Pooling Administrator's decision to deny TCG MidSouth, Inc.'s 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 Gallatin Rate Center served by Switch Identification No. NSVLTN48DS0.


Kenneth C. Hill, Chairman


Sara Kyle, Director


Mary W. Freeman, Director

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 See Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-123.