

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 17, 2011

IN RE:

**REQUEST OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
LLC D/B/A AT&T TENNESSEE FOR EXPEDITED
REVIEW OF CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL**

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**DOCKET NO.
11-00170**

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC
D/B/A AT&T TENNESSEE 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 for Expedited Review of Central Office Code Denial* filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") on September 30, 2011.

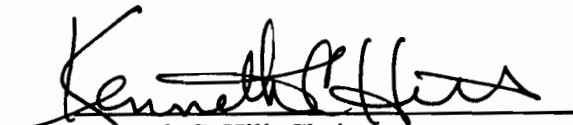
On or about September 29, 2011, AT&T submitted an application to the Number Pooling Administrator ("Neustar") for the purpose of obtaining additional numbering resources to meet the demands of its customer Tennessee Valley Authority ("TVA"). Specifically, AT&T did not have sufficient number resources available in the Chattanooga Rate Center (the "Rate Center") to fulfill TVA'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 60% and the estimated exhaustion date is approximately 67 months, Neustar denied the application by AT&T.

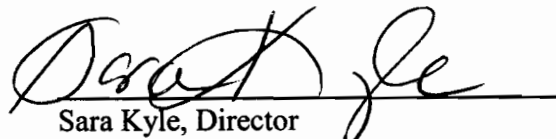
¹ See Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, *Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COCAG) Final Document*, ATIS 03-00051, Section 4.3.1 (June 15, 2007).

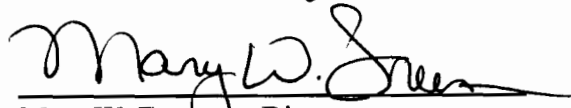
The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has authorized the Authority to review the Pooling Administrator's denial of a numbering application.² Specifically, the FCC has stated that a state commission may overturn a decision of the Pooling Administrator when "a carrier demonstrates that it has received 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 AT&T and reverse the Pooling Administrator's denial of AT&T's request for additional numbering resources in the Rate Center.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Neustar's decision to deny BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Tennessee's request for additional numbering resources is reversed as stated herein.
2. Neustar is ordered to assign one (1) NPA-NXX code to the Chattanooga Rate Center served by Switch Identification No. CHTGTNNSDS1.


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.