

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 10, 2012

IN RE:

**PETITION OF TELMATE, LLC FOR AUTHORITY
TO PROVIDE RESELL TELECOMMUNICATIONS
IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**


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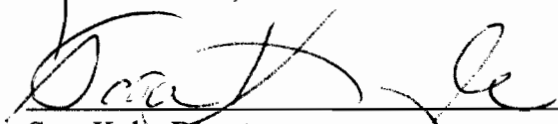
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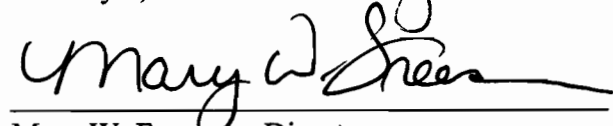
ORDER APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") on May 7, 2012 for the purpose of determining whether to convene a contested case hearing and appoint a Hearing Officer. On October 28, 2011, Telmate, LLC ("Telmate") filed an Application for authority to provide operator services and resell telecommunications services in Tennessee. A *Petition to Intervene* ("*Petition*") was filed on April 19, 2012 by Pay-Tel Communications, Inc. On May 3, 2012, Telmate filed a Response to the *Petition*, in which it asked the Authority to deny the *Petition* and to decline to convene a contested case. The Directors voted unanimously to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or her designee to serve as Hearing Officer to determine if a contested case should be convened. If the Hearing Officer determines that a contested case should be convened, the Hearing Officer is directed to handle any preliminary matters, including entering a protective order, ruling on intervention requests, and establishing a procedural schedule.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Kenneth C. Hill, Chairman


Sara Kyle, Director


Mary W. Freeman, Director