

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

March 27, 2012

IN RE:

**PETITION FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF GROWTH
CODE DENIAL BY THE NUMBER POOLING
ADMINISTRATOR RELATING TO HEALTHCARE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC.**

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**DOCKET NO.
12-00015**

**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 ("TRA" or the "Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on March 26, 2012 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 February 21, 2012.

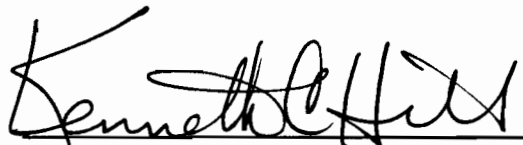
On or about February 14, 2012, AT&T submitted an application to the Pooling Administrator for the purpose of obtaining additional numbering resources to meet the demands of its customer Healthcare Management Systems, Inc. ("HMS"). Specifically, AT&T did not have sufficient number resources available in the Nashville Rate Center (the "Rate Center") to fulfill HMS' 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 utilization rate is approximately 70% and the estimated exhaust date is approximately 136 (combined) months, the Pooling Administrator 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).

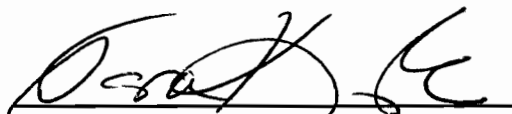
The Federal Communications Commission has authorized the Authority to review the Pooling Administrator's denial of a numbering application.² Specifically, the Federal Communications Commission has stated that state commissions may overturn a decision of the Pooling Administrator when "a carrier demonstrates 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 panel 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:

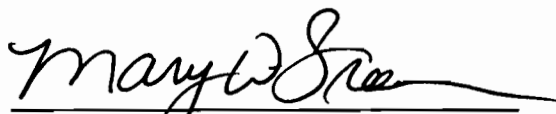
1. The Pooling Administrator's decision to deny BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Tennessee's request for additional numbering resources is reversed as stated herein.
2. The Pooling Administrator is ordered to assign three (3) one-thousand blocks of telephone numbers for the Nashville Rate Center served by Switch Identification No. NSVLTNSTDS0.



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.