

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**March 27, 2012**

**IN RE:**

**TENNESSEE TELEPHONE COMPANY'S PETITION  
FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF GROWTH CODE  
DENIAL BY THE NUMBER POOLING  
ADMINISTRATOR**

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**DOCKET NO.  
12-00018**

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**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST OF TENNESSEE TELEPHONE COMPANY'S  
PETITION FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF GROWTH CODE DENIAL AND REVERSING  
CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL**

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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 Tennessee Telephone Company ("Tennessee Telephone") on March 1, 2012.

On February 13, 2012, Tennessee Telephone submitted an application to the Pooling Administrator for the purpose of obtaining additional numbering resources to establish a Local Routing Number ("LRN") for the purpose of establishing a new switch in the Halls Crossroads Rate Center (the "Rate Center"). 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.<sup>1</sup> Because the Rate Center's utilization rate is currently approximately 52% and the estimated exhaustion date is approximately 96.13 months, the Pooling Administrator denied the application by Tennessee Telephone. On March 1, 2012, Tennessee Telephone filed a request asking the TRA to review the denial of the Pooling Administrator.

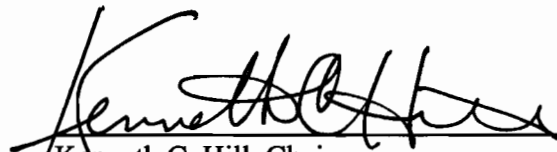
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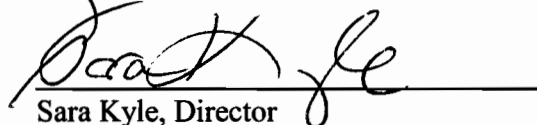
<sup>1</sup> See Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, *Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COCAG) Final Document*, ATIS 03-00051, Section 4.3.1 (September 26, 2008).

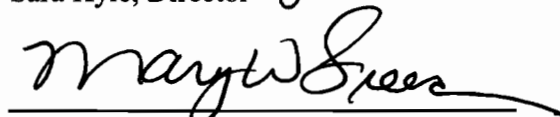
The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has authorized the Authority to review the Pooling Administrator's denial of a numbering application.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, the FCC has stated that a state commission may overturn a decision of the Pooling Administrator when "a carrier demonstrates that it has received a customer request for numbering resources in a given rate center that it cannot meet with its current inventory"<sup>3</sup> or, as in this case, when a company installs a new switch and must establish an LRN.<sup>4</sup> After consideration of the facts contained in the record, the public interest, and this agency's responsibility to foster competition in the telecommunications industry,<sup>5</sup> the panel voted unanimously to approve the request of Tennessee Telephone and reverse the Pooling Administrator's denial of Tennessee Telephone's request for additional numbering resources in the Rate Center.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Pooling Administrator's decision to deny Tennessee Telephone Company's request for additional numbering resources is reversed as stated herein.
2. The Pooling Administrator is ordered to assign one (1) NPA-NXX to Tennessee Telephone Company for the Halls Crossroads rate center served by Switch Identification No. HCRDTNXADS2.

  
Kenneth C. Hill, Chairman

  
Sara Kyle, Director

  
Mary W. Freeman, Director

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<sup>2</sup> *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).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* ¶ 64.

<sup>4</sup> *In re: ATIS Location Routing Number (LRN) Assignment Practices*, Final Document, ATIS 0300065, pp. 3-5 (September 26, 2008).

<sup>5</sup> See Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-123.