

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 14, 2012

IN RE:

**PETITION OF THE INDUSTRY COALITION (AT&T
TENNESSEE, CENTURYLINK COMPANIES,
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF TN/VOLUNTEER
AND FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF AMERICA,
TDS TELECOM, TN TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION,
LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC AND TW
TELECOM OF TENNESSEE, LLC) TO ELIMINATE
STATE LIFELINE CREDIT**

**DOCKET NO.
12-00035**

**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**


This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") on June 7, 2012 for the purpose of determining whether to convene a contested case hearing and appoint a Hearing Officer. On May 1, 2012, the Industry Coalition (comprised of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Tennessee, the CenturyLink Companies, Frontier Communications Co. of Tennessee/Volunteer and Frontier Communications of America, TDS Telecom, Tennessee Telephone Association, Level 3 Communications, LLC and tw telecom of tennessee, llc) filed a *Petition to Eliminate State Lifeline Credit*. A *Petition to Intervene* was filed on May 18, 2012 by the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General.

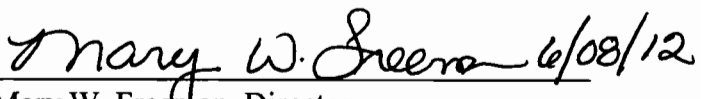
During the Authority Conference, the Directors voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding and to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or her designee to

serve as Hearing Officer to handle any preliminary matters, including ruling on intervention requests and discovery issues, entering a protective order¹ and preparing a procedural schedule.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Kenneth C. Hill, Chairman


Sara Kyle, Director


Mary W. Freeman, Director

¹ The Industry Coalition was directed to submit a proposed protective order no later than 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2012.