

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 7, 2012

IN RE:

**PETITION TO ELIMINATE STATE
LIFELINE CREDIT**

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**DOCKET NO.
12-00035**

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter came before the Hearing Officer upon the proposed procedural schedule filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") by the Industry Coalition, which is 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 (jointly, the "Industry Coalition"), and the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate") on September 6, 2012.

Upon consideration, the Hearing Officer finds the schedule proposed by the parties to be reasonable and hereby adopts it with a slight modification as to the date that the panel will deliberate the merits of the petition. While every effort will be made to accommodate the request of the parties for oral argument in this matter during the November Authority Conference, the setting and deliberations of matters before the Authority are made at the direction and discretion of the voting panel. Therefore, while the preference of the parties is noted, the date for oral argument should be considered a tentative one, and the consideration

and deliberations of the panel on the merits of the petition are not included in the Procedural Schedule at this time. The date upon which the panel will consider the merits of this matter will be announced separately.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Subject to the modification discussed herein above, the Procedural Schedule proposed by the parties is adopted and is in full force and effect, as follows:

October 2, 2012 – Testimony

October 20, 2012 – Pre-argument legal briefs

November Authority Conference – Oral Argument (tentative)


Kelly Cashman-Grams, Hearing Officer