

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 7, 2012

IN RE:

**REQUEST OF AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL STATES, LLC FOR EXPEDITED
REVIEW OF GROWTH CODE DENIAL**

**DOCKET NO.
12-00078**

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST OF
AT&T OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL STATES, LLC
FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF GROWTH CODE DENIAL AND
REVERSING CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL**

This matter came before Chairman Kenneth C. Hill, Director Herbert H. Hilliard, and Director James M. Allison of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on August 20, 2012, for consideration of the *Review of Central Office Code Denial* filed by AT&T of the South Central States, LLC ("AT&T") on July 17, 2012.

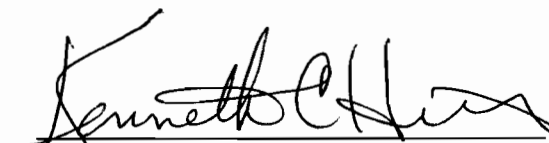
On August 17, 2011, AT&T submitted an application to the Pooling Administrator for the purpose of obtaining additional numbering resources to meet the demands of its customer, Rich Products Corporation ("Rich"). AT&T did not have sufficient number resources available in the Arlington Rate Center to fulfill Rich's 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 Arlington Rate Center has a 20% utilization rate and approximately 22 months to the exhaust date, the Pooling Administrator denied AT&T's application. On July 17, 2012, AT&T filed a petition asking the Authority to review the denial of the Pooling Administrator.

¹ See Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, *Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COAG) Final Document*, ATIS 03-00051, section 4.3.1 (Jun. 15, 2007).

The Federal Communications Commission authorized the Authority to review the Pooling Administrator's denial of a numbering application.² Specifically, the Federal Communications Commission 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, specifically for the assignment of one (1) one-thousand block of telephone numbers for the Arlington Rate Center, Switch Identification MMPHTNMAX6Z.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Pooling Administrator's decision to deny AT&T of the South Central States, LLC's request for additional numbering resources is reversed as stated herein.
2. The Pooling Administrator is ordered to assign one (1) one-thousand block of telephone numbers for the Arlington Rate Center.


Kenneth C. Hill, Chairman


Herbert H. Hilliard, Director


James M. Allison, 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.