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Dr. Kenneth Hill, Chairman
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Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Docket No. 12-00089

Re: Application of West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc. to Enter Price
Regulation

Dear Chairman Hill:

Enclosed are an original and four (4) copies of the Application of West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc. to enter price regulation.

Our check in the amount of \$25.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Wigington", is written over a faint, stylized background graphic.

Lisa Wigington
Director of Revenue Assurance and
Regulatory Compliance

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BEFORE THE
TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

In re:

Application of West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc. :
for Approval to Enter Price Regulation : Docket No.: _____

APPLICATION

Pursuant to TCA § 65-5-109, West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc. ("West Tennessee") hereby applies to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") for approval to enter price regulation. In support of this Application, West Tennessee states as follows:

1. West Tennessee elects to adopt price regulation as the form of regulation applicable to it effective upon approval by the Authority.
2. West Tennessee's initial tariff rates under price regulation will be the same as those currently in place today for all basic local exchange telephone services and non-basic services as defined in TCA § 65-5-108. These rates were in effect as of January 1, 2009 and increased pursuant to the Uniform Access Reduction Act" (TCA 65-5-301,*et seq.*).
3. West Tennessee's level of tariffed rate for residential basic local exchange telephone service were increased from their January 1, 2009 level effective on April 1, 2012 pursuant to the "Uniform Access Reduction Act" (TCA 65-5-301,*et seq.*) in a revenue neutral fashion at the same time as intrastate switched access reductions were implemented and, therefore, are deemed affordable in accordance with TCA 65-5-109(c) and (s).
4. West Tennessee's tariffed rate for business basic local exchange telephone service were increased from their January 1, 2009 level effective on April 1, 2012 pursuant to the "Uniform Access Reduction Act" (TCA 65-5-301,*et seq.*) in a revenue neutral

fashion at the same time as intrastate switched access reductions were implemented and, therefore, are deemed affordable in accordance with TCA 65-5-109(c) and (s).

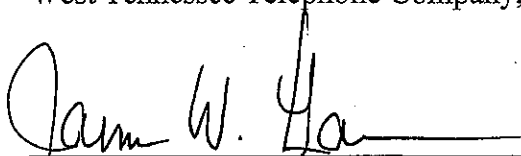
5. As a price regulated company, West Tennessee will maintain affordable basic and non-basic rates in accordance with TCA §§ 65-5-109(e) and 67-6-222(c).
6. West Tennessee will comply with the rate cap for initial basic local exchange telephone service set forth in TCA § 65-5-109(f) applicable to price regulated companies.
7. West Tennessee will comply with the maximum rates for interconnection services set forth in TCA § 65-5-109(g).
8. West Tennessee respectfully submits that continued commitment to the FYI Tennessee master plan as described in TCA § 65-5-109(k) is no longer applicable because West Tennessee has completed funded requirements.
9. Upon receiving approval to operate pursuant to price regulation, West Tennessee will comply with all statutes, rules and regulations applicable to price regulated companies.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, West Tennessee respectfully requests that the Authority issue an order approving this Application in accordance with TCA § 65-5-109(c).

Respectfully submitted,

West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc.



James W. Garner, Vice President of Operations

Date: August 17, 2012