

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**November 20, 2012**

**IN RE:**

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC d/b/a  
AT&T TENNESSEE PETITION FOR EXPEDITED  
REVIEW OF GROWTH CODE DENIAL BY THE  
NUMBER POOLING ADMINISTRATOR**

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**DOCKET NO.  
12-00128**

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**ORDER APPROVING PETITION FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF  
CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL**

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This matter came before Chairman James M. Allison, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the “Authority” or “TRA”), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on November 8, 2012, for consideration of the *Petition for Expedited Review of Central Office Code Denial* filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Tennessee (“AT&T” or “Company”) on October 26, 2012.

On or about October 25, 2012, AT&T submitted an application to the Number Pooling Administrator (“Neustar”) for the purpose of obtaining a one (1) one-thousand block of telephone numbers in the Goodlettsville rate center to meet the demands of its customer, State Auto Insurance Companies (“State Auto”). Specifically, AT&T did not have sufficient numbering resources available in the Goodlettsville Rate Center (the “Rate Center”) to fulfill State Auto’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.<sup>1</sup> Because the Rate Center’s utilization rate is currently approximately fifty-seven

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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 (June 15, 2007).

percent (57%) and the estimated exhaustion date is approximately eighteen (18) months, Neustar denied the application by AT&T.

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 Numbering 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> 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>4</sup> the Directors voted unanimously to approve the request of AT&T and reverse Neustar’s denial of AT&T’s request for additional numbering resources in the Rate Center.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Pooling Administrator’s decision to deny AT&T’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 Goodlettsville Rate Center served by Switch Identification No. GDVLTNMARS0.

**Chairman James M. Allison, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director Sara Kyle concur.**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director**

<sup>2</sup> *In the Matter of 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. 95-116, Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration*, CC Docket No. 99-200, 17 FCC 01-362, ¶ 48 (2001).

<sup>3</sup> *In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, FCC 00-104, Appendix A, Final Rules § 52.15(g)(3)(iv).

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