

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 22, 2013

IN RE:

**TENNESSEE TELEPHONE COMPANY'S PETITION FOR
EXPEDITED REVIEW OF GROWTH CODE DENIAL BY
THE NUMBER POOLING ADMINISTRATOR**

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**DOCKET NO.
13-00023**

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

This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), for consideration of the *Petition for Expedited Review of Central Office Code Denial* filed by Tennessee Telephone Company ("Tennessee Telephone" or "Company") on January 25, 2013.

On or about January 8, 2013, Tennessee Telephone submitted an application to the Number Pooling Administrator ("Neustar") to obtain additional numbering resources that it needs in order to establish a Location Routing Number ("LRN") for new switch augmentations at the Parsons Rate Center (the "Rate Center"). Specifically, the Company requested one (1) NPA/NXX assignment in code 731-845 and 731-847 for its new MetaSwitch in the Rate Center.¹ 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.² Because the Rate Center's current utilization rate is approximately thirty-eight percent (38%) and the estimated exhaustion date is approximately one hundred eighty-seven (187) months, Neustar denied the Company's application.

¹ *Petition for Expedited Review of Central Office Code Denial*, p. 3 (January 25, 2013) (Tennessee Telephone intends to use the 1000-1999 block to establish its MetaSwitch and pool the remaining 9000 numbers).

² 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).

The Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) has authorized the Authority to review the Pooling Administrator’s denial of a numbering application.³ 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.”⁴ After consideration of the facts contained in the record, the public interest, and this agency’s responsibility to foster competition in the telecommunications industry,⁵ the Hearing Officer agrees that Tennessee Telephone’s request for additional numbering resources in the Rate Center should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Pooling Administrator’s decision to deny Tennessee Telephone Company’s request for additional numbering resources is reversed as stated herein.
2. The Pooling Administrator is ordered to assign one (1) NPA/NXX to Tennessee Telephone Company for the Parsons Rate Center served by Switch Identification No. PRSSTNXAGT0.


Kelly Cashman-Grams, Hearing Officer

³ *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).

⁴ *In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, FCC 00-104, Appendix A, Final Rules § 52.15(g)(3)(iv).

⁵ See Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-123.