

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 23, 2014

IN RE:

**APPLICATION OF TDS TELECOM - CONCORD
TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, INC. FOR APPROVAL
TO ENTER PRICE REGULATION**

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**DOCKET NO.
13-00154**

ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION TO ENTER PRICE REGULATION

This matter came before Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard, Director Robin Bennett and Director David F. Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on January 13, 2014, for consideration of the *Application* filed on December 23, 2013, by TDS Telecom – Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc. ("Concord Telephone" or the "Company"). The Company seeks Authority approval to enter price regulation pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109 (Supp. 2013).

In its *Application*, Concord Telephone states that it will comply with all statutes, rules and regulations applicable to price regulated companies, including complying with the rate cap for basic local exchange telephone services set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109(f) (Supp. 2013).

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Tenn. Code Ann § 65-5-109 (Supp. 2013) governs entry into price regulation. The Authority reviewed the Company's *Application* pursuant to statutory requirements and found that it met all such requirements. Thereafter, the panel voted unanimously to approve the *Application*.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The *Application* filed by TDS – Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc. is approved.

Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard, Director Robin Bennett and Director David F. Jones concur.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Earl Taylor", is written over a horizontal line.

Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director