

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**January 23, 2014**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>APPLICATION OF TDS TELECOM - TELlico</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO.</b>
<b>TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO</b>	)	<b>13-00155</b>
<b>ENTER PRICE REGULATION</b>	)	

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**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION TO ENTER PRICE REGULATION**

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This matter came before Chairman James M. Allison, Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard, and Director Robin Bennett 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 – Tellico Telephone Company (“Tellico 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*, Tellico 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 – Tellico Telephone Company is approved.

**Chairman James M. Allison, Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard and Director Robin Bennett concur.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director**