

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

November 14, 2014

IN RE:

**PETITION OF AT&T TENNESSEE FOR
APPROVAL OF EXPEDITED REVIEW OF
GROWTH CODE DENIAL BY THE NUMBER
POOLING ADMINISTRATOR RELATING TO
UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEMS**

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**DOCKET NO.
14-00130**

**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”), upon the *Petition for Expedited Review of Central Office Code Denial* (“*Petition*”) filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, dba AT&T Tennessee (“AT&T Tennessee”) on November 10, 2014.

AT&T Tennessee is a telecommunications public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Authority that provides intraLATA, local exchange telecommunications services in various portions of Tennessee, including the Sevierville Rate Center. In its *Petition*, AT&T Tennessee asserts that on or about October 28, 2014, it submitted an application to NeuStar, the Number Pooling Administrator, for a thousand block (1,000 numbers) in the 865 Code for the Sevierville Rate Center.¹ AT&T Tennessee requests these numbers in order to accommodate the request made by its customer, University Health Systems, Inc., for 200 consecutive DID numbers for its new building in Sevierville.²

NeuStar’s Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (“NXX Guidelines”)

¹ NeuStar is an independent non-governmental entity that is responsible for administering and managing the North American Numbering Plan (“NANP”). See C.F.R. § 52.13(a), (b).

² *Petition*, p. 3 ¶¶ 7-8 (November 10, 2014).

permit the assignment of additional codes only after an applicant demonstrates that its rate center has a 75% utilization rate and exhaustion of existing numbering inventory does not exceed six months.³ At the time of AT&T Tennessee's code request, the Sevierville Rate Center had a utilization rate of approximately 56% and a months-to-exhaust ratio of approximately 197 months.⁴ Therefore, because the rate center's current utilization rate and the months-to-exhaust ratio do not meet the criteria in the NXX Guidelines; NeuStar denied AT&T Tennessee's application.⁵

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has authorized the Authority to review NeuStar's decision to deny a numbering application.⁶ The FCC has further 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."⁷ Upon consideration of the facts contained in the record, the public interest, and the Authority's charge to foster competition in the telecommunications industry,⁸ the Hearing Officer agrees that AT&T Tennessee's request should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Number Pooling Administrator's decision to deny BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, dba AT&T Tennessee's application for additional numbering

³ See Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, *Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COCAG) Final Document*, ATIS 03-00051, § 4.3.1 (June 15, 2007).

⁴ *Petition*, p. 4 ¶¶ 9-10 (November 10, 2014); see also *Petition*, Exhibit A, Months to Exhaust Worksheet p. 1 of 2, and Exhibit B.

⁵ *Petition*, p. 4 ¶ 11 (November 10, 2014).


⁶ *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).

⁷ *In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, FCC 00-104, Appendix A, Final Rules § 52.15(g)(3)(iv).

⁸ See Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-123.

resources, as set forth in the *Petition for Expedited Review of Central Office Code Denial* and discussed herein, is reversed.

2. The Number Pooling Administrator is directed to provide a thousand block of numbers to BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, dba AT&T Tennessee to meet the specific requirements of University Health Systems, Inc., within the 865 area code in the Sevierville Rate Center for Switch Identification No. SVVLTNMTDS0.


Kelly Cashman-Grams, Hearing Officer