

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

IN RE:

PETITION OF TALK AMERICA
SERVICES, LLC FOR AMEND
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FACILITIES
BASED LOCAL EXCHANGE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

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DOCKET NO. 15-00098

MOTION TO APPEAR AND PARTICIPATE TELEPHONICALLY AT HEARING

The hearing in the above-captioned matter is set by the Authority for December 18, 2015 at 11:00 P.M. (CST) in the Executive Conference Room, Fourth Floor, Andrew Jackson State Office Building, 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-312(c), Applicant submits this Motion to Appear and Participate Telephonically at Hearing and provides the following in support of this Motion:

Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-312(c) addresses electronic participation at a hearing as follows:

(c) In the discretion of the administrative judge or hearing officer and agency members and by agreement of the parties, all or part of the hearing may be conducted by telephone, television or other electronic means, if each participant in the hearing has an opportunity to participate in, to hear, and if technically feasible, to see the entire proceedings while taking place.

In accord with the above referenced statute, Applicant hereby respectfully requests to participate in its hearing telephonically because personal attendance of company representatives and witness, who reside out of state, would be burdensome.

If this Motion is granted, Applicant agrees that its telephonic appearance and participation in the hearing will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant is solely responsible for, and shall be required to, secure a properly licensed Notary Public in good standing in the State of the jurisdiction where the testimony is to be given, and who will physically appear with any company representative or witness who will be called at the Hearing to give live testimony or to ratify pre-filed testimony.

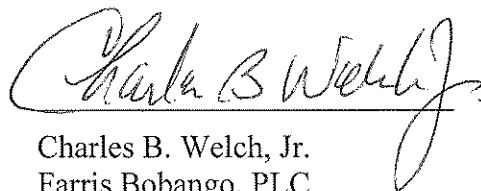
2. The Notary Public obtained by Applicant shall be duly authorized to administer the Oath, and shall do so during the Hearing and remain physically present with the witness at all times during the witness' testimony until such witness is excused from examination by the Hearing Officer.

3. Following the conclusion of the Hearing, the Notary Public shall prepare and sign an Affidavit, affirming the proven identity of the witness, the fact that such person was sworn by the Notary Public, and that testimony given by the sworn witness was in accordance with the highest ethical and legal standards as observed by the Notary Public. The Affidavit shall bear the official seal of the signing Notary Public, and the testifying witness shall also be required to sign a Witness Certification.

4. The Affidavit above must be post-marked within five (5) days of the Hearing and received by the Hearing Officer via postage-paid U.S. Mail or overnight delivery. Should a proper Affidavit containing the affirmations noted above fail to be produced to the Hearing Officer as set forth herein, the testimony of the witness shall be struck from the record, which may constitute grounds sufficient for denial of the Application.

Wherefore, based on the foregoing, Talk America Services, LLC. respectfully requests that the Authority grant its Motion to Appear and Participate Telephonically at Hearing as described herein.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of December, 2015,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles B. Welch, Jr.", written in dark ink.

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