BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 27, 2025

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PETITION OF TELPORT COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA, LLC FOR REVIEW OF CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL	)	**DOCKET NO. 25-00047**
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ORDER APPROVING PETITION FOR REVIEW OF CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL

This matter is before the Administrative Judge of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (the "Commission" or "TPUC"), upon the *Petition of Teleport Communications America, LLC for Review of Central Office Code Denial* ("*Petition*") filed by Teleport Communications America, LLC ("TCAL" or the "Company") on June 20, 2025.[1]

TCAL is a telecommunications public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission that provides local exchange service and exchange access service in the State of Tennessee. In its *Petition,* TCAL asserts that on or about June 1, 2025, it submitted an application to SomosGov, Inc. ("Somos"), the Number Pooling Administrator[2] for the assignment of 15 consecutive 10,000 blocks of numbers in the 865 area code for the Maryville Rate Center. TCAL requested these numbers in order to fulfill an order for a customer, the United States Department of Defense Information Systems Agency ("DISA") Headquarters, who requested 150,000 consecutive

[1] TCAL filed an amended Petition on June 27, 2025 to clarify the number of blocks that was requested in its Central Office code request.

[2] Somos is an independent non-governmental entity that is responsible for administering and managing the North American Numbering Plan ("NANP") upon its selection to serve as the North American Numbering Plan Administrator ("NANPA") and the Pooling Administrator ("PA") effective January 1, 2019. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 52.13(a), (b); *FCC Press Release*, https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/ DOC-354567A1.pdf (October 16, 2018).

numbers in the Maryville Rate Center.[3] TCAL indicates in its *Petition* that while it has adequate telephone numbers to satisfy incremental requests for numbers without receiving a new block of numbers, it does not have existing resources in its inventory to satisfy the customer's request for 150,000 consecutive numbers.[4]

Somos' Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines ("NXX Guidelines") 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.[5] At the time of TCAL's code request, the Maryville Rate Center had a utilization rate of approximately 67% and a months-to-exhaust ratio of approximately 0.039 months.[6] Therefore, because the rate center's current utilization rate and months-to-exhaust ration do not both meet the criteria in the NXX Guidelines, Somos denied TCAL's application.[7]

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has authorized the Commission to review Somos' decision to deny a numbering application.[8] 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."[9] Upon consideration of the facts contained in the record, the public interest, and the Commission's charge to foster competition in the

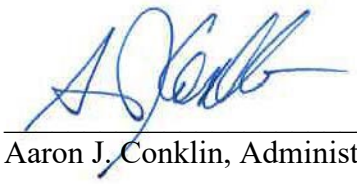
[3] *Petition,* pp. 1, 3 & Exh. B (June 20, 2025).
[4] *Id.*at 3-4.
[5] *See* Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, *Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COCAG) Final Document*, ATIS 03-00051, § 4.3.1 (June 15, 2007).
[6] *Petition,* p. 3 & Exhs. C, D (June 20, 2025).
[7] *Id.*
[8] *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).
[9] *In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, FCC 00-104, Appendix A, Final Rules § 52.15(g)(3)(iv).

telecommunications industry,[10] the Administrative Judge agrees that TCAL's request should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Number Pooling Administrator's decision to deny Teleport Communications America, LLC's application for additional numbering resources, as set forth in its *Petition of Teleport Communications America, LLC for Review of Central Office Code Denial* and discussed herein, is reversed.

2. The Number Pooling Administrator is directed to provide 15 consecutive 10,000 blocks of numbers to Teleport Communications America, LLC to meet the specific requirements of its customer within the 865 area code in the Maryville Rate Center for Switch Identification No. KNVLTNMA54Z.



Aaron J. Conklin, Administrative Judge

[10] *See* Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-123.