

# TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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**DOCKET:** 97-01181

**IN RE:** Small Telephone Companies Tariff Filings Regarding  
Reclassification of Pay Telephone Service as Required by  
Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Docket 96-128

**DATE:** December 23, 2002

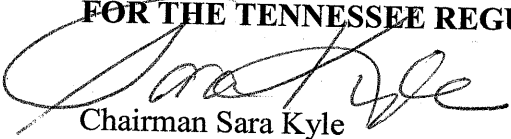
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On December 6, 2002, the Pre-Hearing Officer issued a Report and Recommendation proposing that the panel assigned to this docket resolve the issue of the applicability of 47 U.S.C. § 276 to this case before the parties file their comments, rate proposals and justifications. The Report and Recommendation directed the parties to brief the issue and file such briefs no later than Friday, December 20, 2002. At the regularly scheduled Authority Conference on December 16, 2002, the panel of Directors assigned to this docket approved the Report and Recommendation.

On December 17, 2002, the Tennessee Payphone Owners Association and the Coalition of Small Local Exchange Companies filed an *Agreed Motion for One Week Continuance*, seeking to extend the time for filing briefs on the issue of the applicability of 47 U.S.C. § 276 to this case until December 27, 2002. Pursuant to the Agreed Motion, the parties shall file briefs on the issue of whether 47 U.S.C. § 276, as interpreted by the Federal Communications Commission, is applicable to this case **no later than Friday, December 27, 2002.**

The parties shall be available for questioning and may present oral argument on such issue at the regularly scheduled Authority Conference on **January 6, 2003**. Each side shall be allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes for argument. A party is not obligated to use all of the time allowed and the Authority may terminate the argument whenever in its judgment further argument is unnecessary. The party challenging the application of 47 U.S.C. § 276 to this case shall open the argument. Reading at length from the record, briefs or authorities cited therein will not be permitted.

**FOR THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY:**

  
Chairman Sara Kyle

cc: Parties of Record  
(original in docket file)