

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 29, 2013

IN RE:

**APPLICATION OF ERNEST COMMUNICATIONS,
INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE RESELL
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES IN TENNESSEE**

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98-00649**

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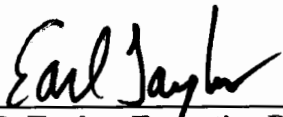
**ORDER GRANTING CANCELLATION OF AUTHORITY
TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

This matter came before Chairman James M. Allison, Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard and Director David F. Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on October 21, 2013. Ernest Communications, Inc. ("Ernest" or the "Company") originally filed an Application for authority to provide operator services and/or resell telecommunications services in Tennessee on August 18, 1998. During a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on March 16, 1999, the Directors found that the Company had met all the requirements for certification and approved the Application. On September 23, 2013, the Authority received a request from Ernest to cancel its authority.¹ Based upon careful consideration of the entire record in this matter, the Directors voted unanimously to grant the Company's request to cancel its authority.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Chairman James M. Allison, Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard and Director David F. Jones concur.

ATTEST:



Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director

¹ The Company stated that its customers have been acquired by Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications of the South, and it is no longer providing telecommunications services in Tennessee. See *In re: Joint Application of Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications of the South and Ernest Communications, Inc. for Approval to Transfer Assets and Customers of Ernest Communications, Inc. to Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications of the South*, Docket No. 13-00085.