## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### NASHVILLE TENNESSEE

## August 18, 2008

IN RE:	)	
	)	DOCKET NO.
APPLICATION OF GTC TELECOM FOR AUTHORITY	)	99-00131
TO PROVIDE OPERATOR SERVICES AND/OR RESELL	)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN TENNESSEE	)	Company ID:
PURSUANT TO RULE 1220-4-257	ĺ	128314

# ORDER REVOKING AUTHORITY GRANTED TO GTC TELECOM FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE SURETY BOND OR IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT

This matter came before Chairman Tre Hargett, Director Eddie Roberson and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on August 11, 2008 to consider whether to revoke the authority of GTC Telecom<sup>1</sup> (the "Company") to conduct business in the State of Tennessee as a public utility for failure to comply with Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-125(j) (2004).<sup>2</sup>

The Company originally filed an Application for authority to provide operator services and/or resell telecommunications services in Tennessee on February 17, 1999. During a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A name change to GTC Telecom Corp. was approved by the Authority on November 21, 2005 in Docket No. 05-00282.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-125(j) (2004) provides:

By September 1, 2000, all telecommunications service providers subject to the control and jurisdiction of the authority, except those owners or operators of public telephone service who pay annual inspection and supervision fees pursuant to § 65-4-301(b), or any telecommunications service provider that owns and operates equipment facilities in Tennessee with a value of more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000), shall file with the authority a corporate surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to secure the payment of any monetary sanction imposed in any enforcement proceeding, brought under this title or the Consumer Telemarketing Protection Act of 1990, compiled in title 47, chapter 18, part 15, by or on behalf of the authority.

regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on April 20, 1999, the Directors found that the Company had met all the requirements for certification and the requirements of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-4-2-.57, which was promulgated pursuant to, *inter alia*, Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-2-102 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201, and approved the Application.

On September 21, 2007, the Authority received notification from Travelers Casualty and Surety Company that the Company's surety bond would be cancelled effective October 23, 2007. A notice advising the Company of its failure to comply with the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-125(j) (2004) was mailed on January 14, 2008. Additional notices were sent via certified mail on April 29, June 3, and June 11, 2008.

As of the August 11, 2008 Authority Conference, the Company had failed to file with the Authority a \$20,000 corporate surety bond or an irrevocable letter of credit to secure the payment of any monetary sanction imposed in any enforcement proceeding. Accordingly, the panel voted unanimously to revoke the authority of the Company to conduct business in the State of Tennessee as a public utility.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The authority of GTC Telecom granted in Docket No. 99-00131 to conduct business in the State of Tennessee as a public utility is revoked, and this docket is closed.

re Hargett, Chairman

Eddie Roberson, Director

Sara Kyle, Director