BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE OF PUBLIC)	DOCKET NO. 99-00273
UTILITIES IN THE STATE OF)	
TENNESSEE)	
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ORDER REQUIRING PUBLIC UTILITIES TO FILE Y2K COMPLIANCE REPORTS WITH THE AUTHORITY ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 1999

On February 2, 1999, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference, the Directors of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority"), acting in the public interest, and pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 65-4-104 and 65-4-105, unanimously ordered public utilities in the State of Tennessee under the jurisdiction of the Authority to file Y2K Compliance Reports, as further set forth herein, with the Authority on or before September 1, 1999.

I. Background

The Year 2000 Problem ("Y2K") is rooted in the manner in which dates are recorded and computed in many computer systems. For the past several decades, systems have typically used two (2) digits to represent the year, such as "98" representing 1998, in order to conserve on electronic data storage and reduce operating costs. With this two-digit format, however, the Year 2000 is indistinguishable from 1900, and the year 2001 is indistinguishable from 1901, and so forth. In short, the Y2K problem may be summarily articulated as the inability of computer systems to recognize and/or identify the year 2000. Unfortunately, the problem is not confined to

programming errors caused by the use of the two-digit year coding scheme. The year 2000 presents a potential "triple whammy" of traps for engineers and programmers. Along with the double-digit year coding, there exists particular questions relative to the use of six-digit date representation, and still there are other perils caused by the calculation of the leap year. Exacerbating matters is the fact that January 1, 2000, falls on a Saturday. Problems caused by Y2K blunders may not be discovered until the next regularly scheduled work day, allowing enough time for errors to inflict a great deal of damage.

The Y2K issue is not limited to mainframe and old computer systems, but also extends to desktop systems and microchips installed in recent systems and devices. Thus, system or application programs that use dates to perform calculations, comparisons, sorting and other functions may generate incorrect or illogical results, or shut down altogether when processing data after midnight on December 31, 1999. Y2K compliance can be generally defined as the ability of information systems to accurately process date data from, into, and between the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, including leap year calculations.

The public utility industry provides services that are, by any standard, essential to the public's safety and welfare. Many processes and operations of utilities are, directly or indirectly, automated and based on microprocessor and microcomputer controls and are programmed with dates for a variety of purposes. While a complete solution to this problem cannot be guaranteed, it is imperative that the utility industry takes proper steps to ensure, to the extent technologically feasible, the public's safety and welfare. In large part, the Y2K issue is a managerial problem and its resolution rests with management.

The mission-critical systems that ensure the delivery of utility services are the property of the utility companies. Thus, the public is dependent upon the good faith efforts of the industry with respect to the Y2K issue. In an effort to: heighten the awareness concerning the safety and reliability of service delivery systems; monitor the Y2K readiness of the regulated utility industry across the state; ensure that contingency plans are in place; provide the public with relevant information; and mitigate Y2K problems, in June of last year the Authority commenced gathering information concerning the Y2K readiness among public utilities in Tennessee.

In January, 1999, the Authority issued "The Year 2000: An Interim Status Report on the Preparedness of Regulated Utilities (the 'January Report')." The results of the January Report indicate that "significant measures are being planned to ensure systems compliance." See January Report at 10. Although a large percentage of responding utilities were non-compliant as of October 15, 1998, the responses reveal that "regulated utilities appear to recognize the gravity of system non-compliance and will begin taking steps to address the potential problem during late 1998 and 1999." Id. at 6. Nevertheless, as noted in the January Report, "[i]mplementation of the industries' plans . . . will require the continued attention of the TRA in the months ahead." The TRA will continue to monitor the steps proposed by the regulated utilities to assist in efforts to materially mitigate and hopefully prevent utility problems from occurring on January 1, 2000. Id. at 10.2

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A copy of the January Report may be obtained via the Authority's web site at www.state.tn.us/tra or by contacting Greg Mitchell, Chief of External Affairs for the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, at (615) 741-2904 ext. 131 or gmitchell@mail.state.tn.us.

² The Tennessee Regulatory Authority cannot ensure the adequacy or completeness of the steps being taken to be prepared for the Y2K problem by the individual utilities, nor the result of any steps that such utilities may take in the future. The Authority's role is to gather information from the utilities about the problem and their preparedness for it, and further, to require accountability from regulated utilities relative to the action they are taking to mitigate or prevent utility problems from occurring on or around January 1, 2000.

II. Action Taken by the Authority

For the foregoing reasons, on February 2, 1999, the Directors of the Authority ordered public utilities, as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-101,³ and those gas public utilities under the jurisdiction of the Authority for safety purposes, as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-28-104(4),⁴ to report the status of their Y2K preparedness to the Authority on or before September 1,

³ Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-101(a) provides the following definition of a public utility:

⁽a) "Public utility" includes every individual, copartnership, association, corporation, or joint stock company, its lessees, trustees, or receivers, appointed by any court whatsoever, that own, operate, manage or control, within the state, any interurban electric railway, traction company, all other common carriers, express, gas, electric light, heat, power, water, telephone, telegraph, telecommunications services, or any other like system, plant or equipment, affected by and dedicated to the public use, under privileges, franchises, licenses, or agreements, granted by the state or by any political subdivision thereof. "Public utility" as herein defined shall not be construed to include the following (hereinafter called nonutilities):

⁽¹⁾ Any corporation owned by or any agency or instrumentality of the United States;

⁽²⁾ Any county, municipal corporation or other subdivision of the state of Tennessee;

⁽³⁾ Any corporation owned by or any agency or instrumentality of the state;

⁽⁴⁾ Any corporation or joint stock company more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting stock or shares of which is owned by the United States, the state of Tennessee or by any nonutility referred to in subdivisions (a)(1), (2), and (3);

⁽⁵⁾ Any cooperative organization, association or corporation not organized or doing business for profit;

⁽⁶⁾ Any individual, partnership, copartnership, association, corporation or joint stock company offering domestic public cellular radio telephone service authorized by the federal communications commission; provided, that the real and personal property of such domestic public cellular radio telephone entities shall be assessed by the comptroller of the treasury pursuant to §§ 67-5-801(a)(1), 67-5-901(a)(1), and § 67-5-1301(a)(2); provided, however, that until at least two (2) entities, each independent of the other, are authorized by the federal communications commission to offer domestic public cellular radio telephone service in the same cellular geographical area within the state, the customer rates only of a company offering domestic public cellular radio telephone service shall be subject to review by the Tennessee regulatory authority pursuant to §§ 65-5-201 - 65-5-204. Upon existence in a cellular geographical area of the conditions set forth in the preceding sentence, domestic public cellular radio telephone service in such area, for all purposes, shall automatically cease to be treated as a public utility under this title. The Tennessee regulatory authority's authority over domestic public cellular radio telephone service is expressly limited to the above extent and the authority shall have no authority over resellers of domestic public cellular radio telephone service. For the purpose of this subdivision, "authorized" means six (6) months after granting of the construction permit by the federal communications commission to the second entity or when the second entity begins offering service in the same cellular geographical area, whichever should first occur. This subdivision does not affect, modify or lessen the regulatory authority's authority over public utilities that are subject to regulation pursuant to chapter 5 of this title; and

⁽⁷⁾ Any of the foregoing nonutilities acting jointly or in combination or through a joint agency or instrumentality.

⁴ Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-28-104(4) provides the following definition of gas public utilities:

^{(4) &}quot;Gas public utilities" means any person, firm, corporation or other legal entity of any kind engaged in the transportation of gas, and includes the state of Tennessee, every county in the state of Tennessee, every municipality in the state of Tennessee and every utility district created under title 7, chapter 82, which has not been certified with the department of transportation under section 5(a) or 5(b) of Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-481; 49 U.S.C. § 1671 et seq.), every public body or corporation of whatever kind in the state of Tennessee, and every private or nonpublic entity, when engaged in the transportation of gas...

1999. Among other information that should be provided in keeping with the spirit of this Order, such reports should contain the following: (1) a comprehensive overview of the utility's Y2K readiness, including an implementation schedule and the expected compliance date; (2) the name, title, address, phone number, and electronic mail address of the utility's Y2K project leader; (3) the rank/title of the highest person in the organization who spends 80% of his or her time on Y2K issues; (4) a detailed assessment of the readiness of the utility's critical systems; (5) an assessment of the readiness of the utility's non-critical systems; (6) the method and status of testing and the results of any test performed; (7) projected completion date for testing of all critical systems; (8) the extent to which the utility has coordinated and tested with emergency 911/E911 providers; (9) any investigation or inquiries conducted on how the lack of compliance by other companies or service providers compromise the utility's ability to provide services; (10) strategies for remedying critical at-risk systems; (11) a comprehensive contingency plan to anticipate and resolve potential Y2K failures, including whether all contingency materials have been acquired or ordered, and whether the contingency plan has been tested; (12) whether the utility foresees any service problems or outages resulting from the Y2K problem; (13) whether the utility has informed its customers of the effects that possible Y2K service disruptions might have upon them; (14) whether the utility has communicated with its customers regarding whether any customer-owned equipment essential to the utility's service offerings is Y2K compliant; (15) whether the utility utilized the services of an outside consultant in addressing Y2K; and (16) how much money the utility has spent to date on its Y2K program.

To facilitate the orderly and prompt receipt of the information requested above, the Authority is providing specific forms for use by the utilities in reporting to the Authority on the

Form A is a list of those public utilities required to use Form A in providing the requested information; List For Form B is a list of those gas public utilities required to use Form B in providing the requested information. Each form contains the name of the individual and department within the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to whom the completed form should be directed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Public utilities under the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority are directed to implement appropriate measures for dealing with Y2K problems and shall file with the Authority on or before September 1, 1999, a Y2K Report, consistent with this Order, with respect to their Y2K readiness.
- 2. The appropriate Y2K Reports shall be filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, utilizing either Form A or Form B as attached to this Order.

CHAIRMAN MELVIN J. MALONE

DIRECTOR SARA KYLE

ECTOR H. LYNN

ATTEST:

K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary

⁵ All Customer-Owned Coin-Operated Telephones ("COCOTs") and non-facilities based resellers of telecommunications services within the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority will be notified separately by letter from this agency of the requirement to implement appropriate measures so as to prevent or mitigate the effects of Y2K problems.

Tennessee Regulatory Authority Y2K Compliance Report File with Eddie Roberson, Chief Consumer Services Division on or before September 1, 1999

1. Please provide an overview of your utility's Y2K readiness by filling in the table below:

Company name	Inventory	Assessment	Remediation/Testing	Estimated Completion Date
	%	%	%	

^{*}use percentages complete in the categories

Definitions

Inventory – The process of identifying all the system related components within the company. The inventory should include all applications, databases, files, hardware and other related system components that will require inspection to locate date data and date processing.

Assessment – The process of determining where date systems are used within the inventory and whether they are impacted by Y2K.

Remediation/ Testing – Remediation is the modification or repairing of the systems negatively impacted by Y2K. Testing is the executing of remedial steps to determine whether the actions taken to repair the systems worked properly.

Estimated Date - The best estimate of when all systems will be modified and tested to ensure all are Y2K compliant.

2. Provide the name, title, address, phone number, and electronic mail address of the utility's

K project leader.
swer:
The rank/title of the highest person in the organization who spends 80% of his or her time on 2K issues.
nswer:

4. Provide an assessment of the readiness of the utility's critical systems. This analysis should provide the percentage of remediation and testing along with estimated completion dates as described above. Critical systems are defined as any system whose failure will affect the ability of the utility to deliver any core service.
Answer:
5. Provide an assessment of the readiness of the utility's non-critical systems. This analysis should provide the percentage of remediation and testing along with estimated completion dates as described above. Non-critical systems are defined as any system whose failure will not affect the ability of the utility to deliver any core service, but may affect internal operations such as customer service functions.
Answer:
6. Has your utility coordinated and tested its Y2K compliance program with emergency 911/E911 providers?
Answer:
7. Provide, if available, information on any investigation or inquiries conducted on how the lack of compliance by other companies or service providers may compromise your utility's ability to provide services.
Answer:
8. Does your utility have a contingency plan to anticipate and resolve potential Y2K failures, including whether all contingency materials have been acquired or ordered, and whether the contingency plan has been tested? Please provide a copy of whatever contingency plan your utility has concerning Y2K.
Answer:
9. Do you foresee any service problems or outages resulting from the Y2K problem? If yes, please explain where problems are likely to occur and state what strategies your company is taking to address them.
Answer:

10. Has the utility informed its customers of the effects that possible Y2K service disruptions might have upon them including customer-owned equipment essential to the utility's service offerings? If yes, please provide how and when the customers were notified.				
Answer:				
11. Has your utility utilized the services of an outside consultant in addressing Y provide the name and address of the consultant(s).	72K? If yes,			
Answer:				
12. Approximately how much money has your utility spent on its Y2K program	to date?			
Answer:				
Name and telephone number of person(s) responding to survey	Date			

List for Form A

Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc. Millington Telephone Company

LDDS Worldcom

Metropolitan Fiber Systems
Brooks Fiber Properties
Chattanooga Gas Company
Cleveland Natural Gas Company
Intermedia Communications
United Cities Gas Company
United Telephone Southeast

TDS Telecom

Citizens Communications Co.

ITC DeltaCom

Tennessee American Water

MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, Inc.

E-spire Communications, Inc.

United Telephone

Tennessee Water Service, Inc. Riviera Utilities of Tennessee, Inc.

Cartwright Creek Lynnwood Utilities

Hyperion of Tennessee, Inc.

Antioch Water

Newport Resort Water System

Sequatchie Water Works, Inc. (Not in Operation)

Digital Teleport, Inc.

GTE Communications Corp. Level 3 Communications, LLC Logix Communications Corporation

Network Plus, Inc. TCG Midsouth

US LEC of Tennessee

Nextlink Tennessee ATS Network, LLC Comm. Depot. Inc.

Loretto Telephone Company

Southeast Telephone

Winstar Telecommunications

BellSouth AT&T

Sprint Communications

Telephone Electronics Corporation Ardmore Telephone Company Nashville Gas Company

Time Warner Communications MCI Telecommunications Corp.

Kingsport Power/AEP

LCI International Worldwide Telecom

ICG Telecom Services, Inc. On-Site Systems, Inc.

Aqua Water

Foothills Properties Shiloh Utilities ACI Corp. ALEC, Inc.

Ben Lomand Communications, Inc.

BTI Communications, Inc.

Electric Power Board of Chattanooga

Interpath Communications, Inc.

LoadPoint Telecommunications, LLC MFS Intelenet of Tennessee, Inc. New South Communications, LLC

Teligent, Inc.

Municipals

Adamsville Gas Department Athens Utilities Board Bells Gas & Water Bolivar Gas Department Brownsville Utilities Centerville Gas Department Clarksville Gas Department Chattanooga Gas-Cleveland Service Center City of Clifton Gas Collinwood Gas Department

Cookeville Gas Department Covington Gas Department Dunlap Gas System Dyersburg Gas Department Englewood Gas Department

Etowah Utilities Fayetteville Gas System Friendship Gas Department

Gainesboro Natural Gas System Gallatin Natural Gas System Gallaway Gas Company

Greater Dickson Gas Authority Halls Gas Department Harriman Utility Board Hartsville Gas Company Henderson Gas Department Henning Gas Department

Hohenwald Natural Gas System Humboldt Gas & Water Department Jackson Utility Division

Jamestown Gas Department Knoxville Utilities Board Lafayette Gas Department Lawrenceburg Gas Department

Lebanon Gas Department Lenoir City Utilities Board Lewisburg Gas Department Lexington Gas System Linden Natural Gas System

Livingston Gas System Lobelville Gas Company Loretto Municipal Gas System Loudon Utilities Gas Division Madisonville Gas System Marion Natural Gas System

Martin Gas Department Mason Natural Gas System Maury City Gas System

Memphis Light Gas & Water Division

Monteagle Gas System, Box Mt. Pleasant Gas System Munford Gas Company Newbern Utilities Obion Gas System Parsons Natural Gas System

Pikeville Natural Gas System Portland Natural Gas System Pulaski Natural Gas Department,

Ridgetop Natural Gas System Ripley Gas Department

Rockwood Natural Gas System Savannah Public Utilities Selmer Utility Division

Smyrna Natural Gas System Somerville Light Gas & Water

City of South Fulton Gas Springfield Gas System

St. Joseph Gas System Sweetwater Utilities Board

Trimble Gas Departmen Troy Gas System,

Waynesboro Natural Gas System

Utility Districts

Citizens Gas Utility District Claiborne County Utility District Clay Gas Utility District Crockett Public Utility District Elk River Public Utility District Gibson County Utility District Hardeman-Fayette Utility District Hawkins County Utility District Horton Highway Utility District Humphreys County Utility District Jefferson-Cocke County Utility District Lake County Utility District Middle Tennessee Gas Utility District Oak Ridge Utility District Paris-Henry County Utility District Poplar Grove Utility District Powell-Clinch Utility District Sevier County Utility District First Utility District of Tipton Co. Unicoi County Utility District Upper Cumberland Utility West Tennessee Public Util. Dist

Housing Authorities Athens Housing/Services Chattanooga Housing Authority Cleveland Housing Authority Columbia Housing Authority Covington Housing Authority Etowah Housing Authority Gallatin Housing Authority Harriman Housing Authority Hartsville Housing Authority **Humboldt Housing Authority** Huntingdon Housing Authority Jackson Housing Authority Jefferson City Housing Authority Johnson City Housing Authority Kingsport Housing Authority Knoxville Community Development Corp. Lafayette Housing Authority Lafollette Housing Authority Lawrenceburg Housing Authority Lebanon Housing Authority Lenoir City Housing Authority Lexington Housing Authority Livingston Housing Authority, Martin Housing Authority McKenzie Housing Authority Memphis Housing Authority Metro Development & Housing Agency Murfreesboro Housing Authority Paris Housing Authority Parsons-Decaturville Housing Authority Portland Housing Authority Pulaski Housing Authority Sevierville Housing Authority, South Pittsburg Housing Authority Trenton Housing Authority Tullahoma Housing Authority Union City Housing Authority

Apartments
Alexian Village of Tennessee Chateau Royale Apartments Tursky Construction Co. Concorde Apartments Ellis Street Apartments Georgetown Condominiums Green Hills Terrace Apartments Home Builders Realty Company

Waverly Housing Authority

Hamilton House Apartments Kirby Pines Estates Maple Village Apartments Ravenscroft Apartments Roxborough Manor Apts Sans Souci Apartments Shepherd Hills Apartments Weatherwood Apartments Woodland Homes

Mobile Home Parks Financial Service Company, Inc. Creekside Village Mobile **Old Trinity Estates** Stephens Motel and Tourist Volunteer Mobile Home Park

Miscellaneous Master Meters Tennessee State Fairgrounds

Intrastate Transmission C.O.P.C.O. Fentress Gas Pipeline Infinity Gas Transport TEPSCO Tengasco Titan Energy Upper Cumberland Natural Gas Co

Direct Sales AFG Industries, Alpha/Owens-Corning Aluminum Company of America American Kraft Mills **Bowater Southern Paper Company** East Tennessee Natural Gas Eastman Chemical Company El Paso Energy Gas Processing General Shale Products Glasteel Industrial Laminates Solutia Occidental Chemical Company Olin Corporation Pyron Metal Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company Rhone-Poulenc Basic **Smelter Service TENNECO** Tennessee Air National Guard Tennessee Valley Authority UCAR Carbon Company Willamette Paper

Tennessee Regulatory Authority Y2K Compliance Report - Form B

Return to Glynn Blanton, Chief, Gas Pipeline Safety Division, on or before September 1, 1999

	Comp	pany Name:	
		Individual Responsible for Y2K Compliance Program	
	Name: Title:		
	Street	t Address:	
	State	Zip: Phone:	
	E-mai	il Address:	
A.1. S	urvey .	Applicability	
	-	company have systems that may be affected by Year 2000 (2-digit date code) problems, and which e an effect on the operation or reliability of your operations or business?	
		Please provide separately a brief comment on what your company does and return the survey without continuing further.	
	Yes 2000	Please continue with survey. O Action Plan. Do you have a plan that comprehensively addresses the following?	
Yes		N/A*	
		☐ Prioritization : Have you prioritized your company systems, software and embedded systems, into a hierarchy of mission-critical systems prioritized by 1) safety, 2) deliverability/reliability, 3) customer support and administrative systems (metering, billing, etc.). If not, please outline hierarchy on separate sheet.	
		□ Supporting Infrastructure: Does your plan address facilities, internal telecommunications, emergency response systems, vehicles and other supporting infrastructure?	
		□ Supply Chain: Does your plan include an assessment of the Year 2000 readiness of your mission-critical business partners e.g., suppliers, partners and customers, including telecommunications, electric suppliers, governmental agencies, financial and other service providers, etc.?	
		☐ Services: Does your plan include any products or services that you supply that may have Y2K implications?	
		☐ Testing: Does your plan require testing of all systems by July 30, 1999?% Complete	
		☐ Coordination Exercises: Do you have an interdependency test plan with other companies and organizations, to ensure functionality with mission-critical business partners, local emergency organizations, etc.?	
		□ Communications Program: Internal: to ensure everyone in the company is aware of the issue, that the company has a plan, etc. External: to communicate with suppliers, customers, financial, insurance, emergency, regulatory officials, etc.	

*N/A: Not applicable due to the nature of your business.

SECTION B SURVEY ON Y2K ACT B.1. On what date is this survey being	FIONS & STA	ATUS		
B.2. How long has your company been	actively add	essing the Y	ear 2000 issu	 ie?
Software Firmware/ Embedded Systems Supply Chain Business Partners Contingency Planning B.2. Legal and Financial Assessment	5 yrs 2 yrs	yrs 1 yrs 1	6 months or less □ □ □ □ wide assessm	Not yet started □ □ □ column="2">started
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If "Yes" have you ident Very Significant Please list specific areas of uncertainty	Somewhat Sig		No Uncerta	
B.3. If your company has initiated deve the stage and status of the planning	lopment of a	Year 2000 co	ontingency p	
A. Operations, Production, Processing, Sa B. Transportation, Distribution Services. C. Communications and Infrastructure Ser D. Financial, Human Resources, Administr E. Security and Emergency Response & Pr F. Environmental Monitoring & Control	vices ative Services cocedures	0000	Developing Compl	
B.4. Please indicate the stage your comp capture the total plan or business area <u>fu</u>	any is in for our inctionality st	each of the b tatus. Comp	elow areas. letion date r	The intent is to efers to the line item.
		Not Applicable	Percent Completed	Completion Date
By System: Software Systems Firmware/Embedded Systems				
By Business Areas:				
Financial/Administration Operations Interfaces (Business Partners)				
B.5. □ Y□ N Do you anticipate service	e outages or	other proble	ms as a resul	It of Y2K?
B.6. □ Y□ N Were the services of an				
B.7. How much money to date has been s				