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Ms. Darlene Standley Utilities Division Chief Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Pkwy Nashville, TN 37243-0505

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TN REGULATORY AUTHORITY UTILITIES DIVISION

RE: DOCKET 99-00415 Surety Bond or Letter of Credit Mandated by TCA 65-4-125

Dear Ms. Standley,

This letter follows up yours of August 6, 2008, which we recently found posted to this docket. As was discussed at the time, Bancorp South had an issue with the language required to be in the letter of credit or bond, stating their belief that the obligation would be perpetual rather than for a specific period of time. Based on that belief, they stated they would not execute one for anyone, not just Aeneas.

After corrections requested by TRA Representative Lisa Foust were made, on August 21st, 2008, Aeneas forwarded its surety bond from Western Surety Company, which is on file with your office. I would appreciate it if you would post this letter to the docket to make clear that the problem here was with the bank and not with Aeneas and that we are in full compliance with the Law.

Sincerely

Jonathan V. Harlan, CEO

TENNESSEE REGULATORY APTHORITY

TENNESSEE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER'S SURETY BOND

Jond #: 70565453	
WHEREAS, _ AENEAS COMMUNICATIONS, LL	
has applied to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority for	authority to provide telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee; and
required to file this bond in order to obtain such authorit	4. Section 125(j) of the Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended, the Principal is ty and to secure the payment of any monetary sanction imposed in any enforcement ode Annotated or the Consumer Telemarketing Act of 1990 by or on behalf of the
WHEREAS. WESTERN SURETY COMPANY	
Insurance to engage in the surety business in this state	the State of Tennessee and duly authorized by the Tennessee Commissioner of pursuant to Title 56. Chapter 2 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, has agreed to ly with the provisions of Title 65. Chapter 4, Section 125(j) of the Tennessee Code
in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code A dollars (\$20,000.00) lawful money of the United States imposed against the Principal, its representatives, sur Tennessee Code Annotated or the Consumer Teleman	rincipal and the Surety are held and firmly bound to the STATE OF TENNESSEE, motated. Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j), in the full amount of twenty thousand sof America to be used for the full and prompt payment of any monetary sanction occassors or assigns, in any enforcement proceeding brought under Title 65 of tketing Act of 1990, by or on behalf of the TRA, for which obligation we bind each jointly and severally, firmly and unequivocally by these presents.
annual renewal period or portion thereof shall constitutioned, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative under this bond shall not exceed Twenty Thousand December 1.	day of August., 2008, and shall be continuous; provided, however, that each are a new bond term. Regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in e, and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits or actions ollars (\$20,000.00). The Surety may cancel this bond by giving thirty (30) days neighbor to be certified mail, it being understood that the Surety shall not be relieved of the date of cancellation.
PRINCIPAL	SURETY
AENEAS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	WESTERN SURETY COMPANY
Name of Company authorized by the TRA	Name of Surety 101 S. Phillips Ave.
128370	Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6703
Company ID # as assigned by TRA	Address of Surety
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	Title: M. Bugg, Ass't. Sec.
	Address of Surety Agent:
	Thompson & Smith, LLC 380 Carriage House Drive
	Jackson, TN 38305
THIS BOND IS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED AS AMENDED	H THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 125, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 65 OF THE D BY CHAPTER NO. 586, 2000 PUBLIC ACTS. SHOULD THERE BE ANY

CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS HEREOF AND THE STATUTE OR REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER. THE STATUTE OR REGULATIONS SHALL PREVAIL. (POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM AN APPROVED INSURANCE

COMPANY MUST BE ATTACHED.)

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Western Surety Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

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States of Ame	rica, does hereby make,			
	M. Bugg		of	Sioux Falls
	by conferred to sign, exe	, with l	imited authority, its	true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, with full power a on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed,
One TEN	NESSEE TELECOMMUN	ICATIONS SERV	ICE	
bond with bond	d number <u>70565453</u>			
for AENEAS	COMMUNICATIONS, I	LC		
as Principal in	the penalty amount not t	o exceed: \$20,00	0.00	
Western Su	urety Çompany further certif d now in force, to-wit:	ies that the following is	a true and exact cop	y of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Compa
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	Secretary, respectively, on deed of said Corporat		N SURETY COMP.	ANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be t

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My Commission Expires November 30, 2012

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

/Tre Hargett, Chairman Eddie Roberson, Director Sara Kyle, Director Mary Freeman, Director



460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

August 6, 2008

Aeneas Communications, LLC 300 N. Cumberland Street, Suite 20 Jackson, Tennessee 38301

<u>VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u> 7004 2510 0006 3767 6501

RE: Surety Bond or Irrevocable Letter of Credit Mandated by Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-125(j) Aeneas Communications, LLC

To Whom It May Concern:

Tenn. Code Annotated § 65-4-125(j) requires telecommunications service providers such as Aeneas Communications, LLC to file with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("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 by or on behalf of the Authority under Title 65 or the Consumer Telemarketing Protection Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-18-1501 et seq. 1

On January 22, 2008, the Authority received a notice from BankcorpSouth indicating the letter of credit (no.128000093540) for Aeneas Communications, LLC will be cancelled on August 29, 2008. If the letter of credit is cancelled on that date, Aeneas Communications, LLC will become non-compliant with Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-125(j). Telecommunications service providers that fail to comply with the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-125(j) are subject to sanction, including the revocation of their certificate of convenience and necessity authorizing them to transact business in Tennessee. If a compliant bond or letter of credit is not submitted to the Authority by August 29, 2008, Aeneas Communications, LLC will be placed on the September 8, 2008 Authority Conference for revocation of its CCN.

If you have questions, please contact Lisa Foust at (615) 741-2904, extension 220.

Sincerely,

Fox 615-741-2336

Darlene Standley

Utilities Division Chief

² See Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201.

¹ Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-125(j) applies to 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 Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-301(b) and providers that own or operate equipment facilities in Tennessee with a value greater than five million dollars (\$5,000,000).