



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
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Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: Petition by the Federal Communications Commission, Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(d), for Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) Agreement in Redefining the Service Areas of North Central Telephone Coop., Inc. - TN.

Dear Ms. Dillon:

Attached is an order released by the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) on May 1, 2008. In the order, the Commission grants in part and denies in part the petition of United States Cellular Corp. (U.S. Cellular) to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in the state of Tennessee pursuant to section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act).<sup>1</sup>

In accordance with section 214(e)(5) of the Act, the order proposes to redefine the service area of North Central Telephone Coop., Inc.-TN for which U.S. Cellular has been granted ETC status.<sup>2</sup> The wire centers affected by the reclassification are listed in Exhibit 29 of the order.

The Commission's decision to redefine the service areas of North Central Telephone Coop., Inc. - TN is subject to the review and final agreement of the TRA.<sup>3</sup> The Wireline Competition Bureau therefore requests that the TRA examine this redefinition based on its unique knowledge of the rural areas in question. Pursuant to section 54.207(d)(1) of the Commission's rules, the attached order includes the definition proposed by the Commission and contains the Commission's reasons for adopting the proposed redefinition.<sup>4</sup>

The Commission requests that notice of the TRA's approval or other action be sent to: 1) Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554; and 2) Jennifer McKee, Acting Division Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554.

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(6).

<sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(5); *High Cost Universal Service Support; Federal-State Board on Universal Service, Alltel Communications, et al. Petitions for Designation as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers*, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order, FCC 08-122, App. D, Ex. 28 (rel. May 1, 2008).

<sup>3</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(5).

<sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(d)(1).

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 418-1500 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dana R. Shaffer  
Bureau Chief  
Wireline Competition Bureau

Attachment