# BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

#### NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

November 25, 2008

IN RE:	)	
UNITED TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST LLC D/B/A EMBARQ 2008 ANNUAL PRICE REGULATION FILING	) ) ) )	DOCKET NO. 08-00198

#### ORDER APPROVING PRICE REGULATION FILING

This matter came before Chairman Tre Hargett, Director Eddie Roberson and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on November 10, 2008 for consideration of the 2008 Annual Price Regulation Filing (the "Filing") filed by United Telephone-Southeast LLC d/b/a Embarq ("Embarq" or the "Company").

### **EMBARQ'S FILING**

On October 15, 2008, Embarq filed its Price Regulation Plan reflecting prices in effect June 1, 2008. This filing contained Embarq's calculations of its 2008 Price Regulation Index (PRI) and Service Price Index (SPI) pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109 (Supp. 2008) and the price cap methodology approved by this Authority. There are no rate changes being proposed in this filing.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Tenn. Code Ann § 65-5-109 (Supp. 2008) governs price regulation plans. The Authority reviewed Embarq's filing pursuant to statutory requirements at its regularly scheduled Authority

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This filing covers the time period from June 2007 to June 2008.

Conference held on November 10, 2008 and made the following findings:

1. Embarq has correctly calculated the PRI and SPI in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109 (Supp. 2008) and the methodology approved by the Authority.

2. Embarq's filing demonstrates that its overall current prices and revenues are less than the maximum prices allowed under Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109 (Supp. 2008), and Embarq has headroom from which future rate increases may be made.

Based on these findings, the panel voted unanimously to approve Embarq's Filing.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The 2008 Annual Price Regulation Index Filing of United Telephone-Southeast LLC d/b/a Embarq for the period ending June 2008 is approved.

Tre Hargett, Chairman

Eddie Roberson, Director

Sara Kyle, Director