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Chairman Eddie Roberson c/o Sharla Dillon Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: Docket No. 11-00098: Joint Application of United Telephone Co., UTC Long Distance, LLC and United Communications Holdings, LLC Regarding Transfer of Control of United Telephone Company and

UTC Long Distance, LLC

Dear Chairman Roberson:

Enclosed please find United Telephone Company and UTC Long Distance, LLC's Notice of Filing in the above-referenced docket.

Please file the original and four copies of this material and stamp the additional copy as "filed." Then please return the stamped copy to me by way of our courier.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address or telephone number listed above.

Sincerely.

David Killion

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jerry Kettles, Chief of Economic Analysis & Policy Division (w/ enclosure)

Mr. Terry Wales Mr. William Bradford

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

In re:)	
)	
Joint Application of United Telephone)	
Company, UTC Long Distance, LLC)	Docket No. 11-00098
and United Communications Holdings,)	
LLC Regarding Transfer of Control of)	
United Telephone Company and UTC)	
Long Distance, LLC)	

NOTICE OF FILING

Pursuant to a request from Jerry Kettles, Chief of the TRA's Economic Analysis and Policy Division, for public information regarding the financial capabilities of MSouth Equity Partners ("MSouth") and a copy of any recent SEC Filings made by MSouth Equity Partners, United Telephone Company and UTC Long Distance, LLC hereby provide this notice of filing. MSouth is a traditional private equity fund that raises capital from large institutional investors, including public pension funds, endowments, financial institutions, and high net-worth individuals. MSouth provides value-added capital to middle market firms in traditionally underserved Southern United States, with a focus on partnering with management and implementing strategies to improve operations and grow operating cash flow.

Since 1994, MSouth and its predecessor funds have invested approximately \$525 million in 27 companies, making it one of the leading private equity firms focused exclusively on the South. Currently, MSouth is pursuing investment opportunities from two Funds. Fund I, which closed in 2008, has committed capital of \$264.1 million from which it has invested roughly \$193 million into 9 companies, with approximately \$60 million in unfunded commitments available to invest. The United transaction will be funded out of Fund 1. The 9 companies in which MSouth has already invested from Fund I generate over \$1 billion in annual revenue and employ over

20,000 people.

In addition, in early August 2011, MSouth announced the first closing of Fund II with approximately \$187 million of new commitments. Fund II is targeting approximately \$375 - \$400 million in aggregate capital commitments. Please see the attached press release addressing the initial closing of Fund II, attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Additionally, for further information related to the initial closing of Fund II please see the attached Form D filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

Additional information on the MSouth team and its current portfolio companies is available at: http://www.msouth.com.

Respectfully submitted on this 11th day of August, 2011.

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LLC, and United Communications Holdings, LLC

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MSouth Equity Partners PE Fund Raises \$187.3M cbl

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Mark L. Feidler

By Richard Rabicoff

ATLANTA -- A private equity fund sponsored by MSouth Equity Partners raised \$187.28 million.

MSouth Equity Partners II, L.P. attracted 15 investors. The investment is uncapped and indefinite.

Named in the related SEC filing were co-founders and partners Mark L. Feidler, Michael D. Long, Bart A. McLean, and Peter S. Pettit, principal.

Feidler, Long and McLean started the firm in 2007. Prior to MSouth, Feidler served as President and COO of BellSouth Corporation until its merger with AT&T. Previously, he was the COO of Cingular Wireless, and worked in the investment banking department of The Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc. He was also an associate in the corporate law section of King & Spalding.

Long was previously a member of CGW Southeast Partners. Before that, he was the CEO of Pac Pizza, LLC, a 148-unit Pizza Hut franchisee. Earlier, he held various positions with NationsBank in its corporate, energy, syndication and commercial banking groups. McLean also was a member of CGW Southeast Partners. Previously he was with Allsop Venture Partners in St. Louis and Republic Venture Group, the venture capital subsidiary of Republic Bank - Dallas.

MSouth is a private equity investment firm that provides equity capital and expertise to support management teams in acquisitions and recapitalizations of lower middle market companies typically valued \$25-\$125 million. Based in Atlanta, MSouth invests primarily in the South with a focus on management buyouts of business services, distribution and specialty manufacturing companies.

According to the filing, New York-based UBS Securities LLC managed the solicitation process in New York, Georgia, Massachusetts, and Minnesota. No estimate of fees or commissions was provided.

SEC filing: http://tinyurl.com/3e4gzvl

Bio

Peter S. Petit

Mr. Pettit joined MSouth as a Principal in 2009. Prior to joining MSouth, Mr. Pettit was most recently employed by Code Hennessy & Simmons, a middle market private equity firm with \$2.7 billion of capital, as a Vice President in the business & consumer services group. Prior to CHS, Mr. Pettit was employed by CGW Southeast Partners where he worked for four years. Before joining CGW, Mr. Pettit worked at The Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc. in the investment banking division with a focus on sell-side M&A transactions for middle market companies. He holds a B.S. in Commerce from the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia and an M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

To find out more about the company in this article and to see if you have business connections, click below:

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 **FORM D**

Notice of Exempt Offering of Securities

OMB APPROVAL		
OMB Number:	3235- 0076	
Expires:	June 30, 2012	
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hours per response:	4.00	

1. Issuer's Identity			
CIK (Filer ID Number)	Previous Names	X None	Entity Type
Name of Issuer MSouth Equity Partners Jurisdiction of Incorporation/Organize DELAWARE Year of Incorporation/O Over Five Years Ag X Within Last Five Ye Yet to Be Formed	ation Organization		Corporation X Limited Partnership Limited Liability Company General Partnership Business Trust Other (Specify)
. Principal Place of E	Business and Contact In	formation	
Name of Issuer	** * 5		
MSouth Equity Partners Street Address 1	11, L.P.	Stroot Address	2
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City	State/Province/Country		Phone Number of
ATLANTA	GEORGIA	30305	404-816-3255
3. Related Persons			
Last Name	First Name		Middle Name
Long	Michael		D.
Street Address 1	Street Address	: 2	
Two Buckhead Plaza	3050 Peachtree 3550	Road NW, Suite	
City	State/Province	/Country	ZIP/PostalCode
Atlanta	GEORGIA		30305
Relationship: Execu	ıtive Officer X Director I	Promoter	

Clarification of Response (if Nec	essary):	
Member of managing LLC of MSou	th Equity Partners II, L.P.	
Last Name Feidler Street Address 1 Two Buckhead Plaza	First Name Mark Street Address 2 3050 Peachtree Road NW, Suite	Middle Name L.
City Atlanta Relationship: Executive Office	550 State/Province/Country GEORGIA Pr X Director Promoter	ZIP/PostalCode 30305
Clarification of Response (if Nec		
Member of managing LLC of MSor	ith Equity Partners II, L.P.	
Last Name Mclean Street Address 1 Two Buckhead Plaza	First Name Bart Street Address 2 3050 Peachtree Road NW, Suite	Middle Name A.
City Atlanta Relationship: Executive Office	550 State/Province/Country GEORGIA er X Director Promoter	ZIP/PostalCode 30305
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Last Name Pettit Street Address 1 Two Buckhead Plaza City Atlanta Relationship: Executive Office	First Name Peter Street Address 2 3050 Peachtree Road NW, Suite 550 State/Province/Country GEORGIA er X Director Promoter	Middle Name S. ZIP/PostalCode 30305
Clarification of Response (if Neo Member of managing LLC of MSo		
	un Equity Farmers II, E.F.	
4. Industry Group		
Agriculture Banking & Financial Service Commercial Banking Insurance Investing	Health Care Biotechnology Health Insurance Hospitals & Ph	—

Investment Banking X Pooled Investment Fund Hedge Fund X Private Equity Fund Venture Capital Fund Other Investment Fund Is the issuer registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940? Yes X No Other Banking & Financial Service	Pharmaceuticals Other Health Care Manufacturing Real Estate Commercial Construction REITS & Finance Residential Other Real Estate	Telecommunications Other Technology Travel Airlines & Airports Lodging & Conventions Tourism & Travel Services Other Travel Other
Business Services Energy Coal Mining Electric Utilities		
Energy Conservation Environmental Services Oil & Gas Other Energy		
5. Issuer Size		
Revenue Range OR No Revenues \$1 - \$1,000,000 \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 \$5,000,000 - \$25,000,000 \$25,000,000 -	Aggregate Net Asset Value Ran No Aggregate Net Asset Valu \$1 - \$5,000,000 \$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000 \$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000	
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X Decline to Disclose	Decline to Disclose	
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
6. Federal Exemption(s) and Exclusion	n(s) Claimed (select all that ap	pply)
Rule 504(b)(1) (not (i), (ii) or (iii)) Rule 504 (b)(1)(i)	Rule 505 X Rule 506	
Rule 504 (b)(1)(ii)	Securities Act Section 4(6)	

Rule 504 (b)(1)(iii) X Inve	stment Company Act Section 3(c)
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	Section 3(c)(5) Section 3(c)(13)
	Section 3(c)(6) Section 3(c)(14)
X S	Section 3(c)(7)
7. Type of Filing	
X New Notice Date of First Sale 2011-07-21	First Sale Yet to Occur
Amendment	The Gale for to occar
8. Duration of Offering	
Does the Issuer intend this offering to last more	than one year? XYes No
9. Type(s) of Securities Offered (select all tha	t apply)
Equity	X Pooled Investment Fund Interests
Debt	Tenant-in-Common Securities
Option, Warrant or Other Right to Acquire And Security	other Mineral Property Securities
Security to be Acquired Upon Exercise of Opt Warrant or Other Right to Acquire Security	ion, Other (describe)
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10. Business Combination Transaction	
Is this offering being made in connection with a transaction, such as a merger, acquisition or ex-	
Clarification of Response (if Necessary):	
11. Minimum Investment	
Minimum investment accepted from any outside	investor \$5,000,000 USD
12. Sales Compensation	
Recipient	Recipient CRD Number None
UBS Securities LLC	7654
(Associated) Broker or Dealer X None	(Associated) Broker or Dealer CRD X None
None	None

Street Address 1 299 Park Avenue	Street Address 2	
City	State/Province/Country	ZIP/Postal Code
New York	NEW YORK	10171
State(s) of Solicitation (select all that apply) Check "All States" or check individual States	Foreign/non-US	
GEORGIA MASSACHUSETTS MINNESOTA NEW YORK		
13. Offering and Sales Amounts		
Total Offering Amount USD	or X Indefinite	
Total Amount Sold \$187,276,679 USD	_	
Total Remaining to be Sold USD	or X Indefinite	
Clarification of Response (if Necessary):		
14. Investors		
Select if securities in the offering have been as accredited investors, and enter the number already have invested in the offering. Regardless of whether securities in the offer who do not qualify as accredited investors, already have invested in the offering:	ering have been or may be sold to persons	15
15. Sales Commissions & Finder's Fees Ex	penses	
Provide separately the amounts of sales commexpenditure is not known, provide an estimate	nissions and finders fees expenses, if any. If the and check the box next to the amount.	amount of an
Sales Commissions \$0 USD	Estimate	
Finders' Fees \$0 USD	Estimate	
Clarification of Response (if Necessary):		
16. Use of Proceeds		
to any of the persons required to be named as	he offering that has been or is proposed to be us executive officers, directors or promoters in res estimate and check the box next to the amount.	sed for payments ponse to Item 3
\$2 USD <u>X</u>	Estimate	
Clarification of Response (if Necessary):		

2% of commitments.

Signature and Submission

Please verify the information you have entered and review the Terms of Submission below before signing and clicking SUBMIT below to file this notice.

Terms of Submission

In submitting this notice, each issuer named above is:

- Notifying the SEC and/or each State in which this notice is filed of the offering of securities described and undertaking to furnish them, upon written request, in the accordance with applicable law, the information furnished to offerees.*
- Irrevocably appointing each of the Secretary of the SEC and, the Securities Administrator or other legally designated officer of the State in which the issuer maintains its principal place of business and any State in which this notice is filed, as its agents for service of process, and agreeing that these persons may accept service on its behalf, of any notice, process or pleading, and further agreeing that such service may be made by registered or certified mail, in any Federal or state action, administrative proceeding, or arbitration brought against it in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, if the action, proceeding or arbitration (a) arises out of any activity in connection with the offering of securities that is the subject of this notice, and (b) is founded, directly or indirectly, upon the provisions of: (i) the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or any rule or regulation under any of these statutes, or (ii) the laws of the State in which the issuer maintains its principal place of business or any State in which this notice is filed.
- Certifying that, if the issuer is claiming a Rule 505 exemption, the issuer is not disqualified from relying on Rule 505 for one of the reasons stated in Rule 505(b)(2)(iii).

Each Issuer identified above has read this notice, knows the contents to be true, and has duly caused this notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

For signature, type in the signer's name or other letters or characters adopted or authorized as the signer's signature.

Issuer	Signature	Name of Signer	Title	Date
MSouth Equity Partners II, L.P.	Wanda R. Morgan	Wanda R. Morgan	Chief Financial Officer	2011-08-03

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