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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**IN RE: Tennessee Public Service Commission Rulemaking: Small and
Minority Telecommunications Business Assistance Program
Proposed Rules.**

Docket No. 96-00447

ERRATA

Subsequent to the publishing of the Order in this proceeding which was issued March 5, 1996, the order was found to incorrectly refer to convening a contested case on page one (1). It is not the intent of the Commission to create a right which does not exist pursuant to statutory authority, therefore, in order to clarify this matter, it is asked that your copy of the order be corrected by attaching the enclosed replacement page.

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Interim Executive Director

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ORDER

This matter is before the Tennessee Public Service Commission upon its own motion.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the requirements of T.C.A. § 65-5-213, the Commission must promulgate and adopt rules that determine the amount of the contribution to be made each year by telecommunications service providers and each competing telecommunications service providers to the small and minority telecommunications business fund created by the Tennessee General Assembly in the above-cited statutory section. The Commission staff has promulgated the above-referenced rules in compliance with the statute and have now submitted the proposed rules to the Commission for consideration.

COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

This matter was considered at the regularly scheduled Commission Conference held on the March 5, 1996. The Commissioners in a unanimous vote adopted the proposed rules so that the rulemaking proceedings will advance in this matter, and that these rules will next be submitted to the office of the Attorney General pursuant to the requirements of T.C.A. § 4-5-211. Furthermore, since this is the process of rulemaking without a hearing, any interested party if they so chose, will be able to request a hearing on this matter only after publication of the proposed rules by the Secretary of State in the Tennessee Administrative Register.

At the time of the entry of this Order, no hearing can be requested. The appropriate time to request a hearing is within thirty (30) days of publication of these proposed rules as discussed above.