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February 24, 1997

Chairman Lynn Greer
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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RE: Docket No. 96-01423

Dear Chairman Greer:

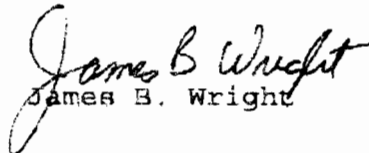
Enclosed is United Telephone-Southeast, Inc.'s Motion for Extension of Time to File Surrebuttal Testimony in the above Case.

I have contacted counsel for all the other parties in this Case, and each has consented to this extension.

A proposed order is also enclosed.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


James B. Wright

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Enclosures

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE: UNITED TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC. TARIFF NO. 96-201
TO REFLECT ANNUAL PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENT

DOCKET NO. 96-01423

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY

COMES NOW United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. (United) and requests the Tennessee Regulatory Authority grant an extension of time until noon Friday, February 28, 1997, to file Surrebuttal Testimony in this Case. In support hereof, United shows the following:

1. Pursuant to a procedural schedule agreed to by all parties in this Case and incorporated in the January 27, 1997, Initial Order of Hearing Officer, Surrebuttal Testimony was to be filed by noon on Wednesday, February 26, 1997, following the filing of rebuttal testimony on the preceding Friday. The Hearing is set for March 11, 1997.

2. United's only witness, Steve Parrott, is out of the office until at least Wednesday, February 26, 1997, attending the funeral of his grandfather.

3. Since the hearing is not to occur until March 11, 1997, no party will be prejudiced if this extension is granted. Accordingly, United asks that the Hearing Officer grant this

motion and extend the time for filing Surrebuttal Testimony for all parties until noon Friday, February 28, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
(UTSE Annual Price Cap Adjustment)

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Motion for Extension of Time to File Surrebuttal Testimony has been served upon the following counsel of record in Docket No. 96-01423 this 24th day of February, 1997, by FAX, by air express, by hand delivery or by placing a copy of the same in the United States Mail postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

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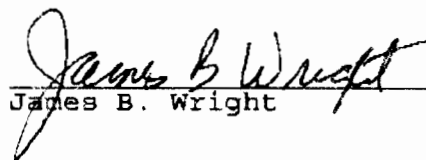
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ORDER

A Motion for Extension of Time to File Surrebuttal Testimony to February 28, 1997, was filed by United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. and presented to Chairman Lynn Greer as Hearing Officer in this Case.

This Motion is based on the unavailability of United's only witness in this Case due to the death of the witnesses relative. United has stated that it has contacted counsel for all parties of record in this Case and said Motion has been agreed to by all of the parties.

Upon review of the above and after consultation with Staff and the other Directors it is determined that the above Motion be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the foregoing Motion is approved and Surrebuttal testimony will not be due until noon on Friday, February 28, 1997.

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Chairman, as Hearing Officer