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MOTION TO STRIKE BRIEFS OF UTSE AND BELLSOUTH

Comes the Consumer Advocate Division (ConAd) to respectfully moves the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to Strike UTSE's "Post Hearing Brief" and BellSouth's "Brief Regarding Statutory Construction". For cause the Consumer Advocate Division would show:

- That UTSE exceeded the scope of the TRA's stated directive regarding the filing of post hearing briefs in this case by briefing issues other than directory assistance.
- That the TRA in striking the brief of the Consumer Advocate Division stated that the brief should not have considered other issues in the case and UTSE's brief considers other issues.
- 3. That both UTSE and BellSouth rely upon proposed legislation, not enacted and is therefore not relevant. In *Blake v. Abbott*, C.A. No. 03A01-9509-CV-00307, (Tenn. App. filed, April 24, 1996) Petition to Rehear denied some companies relied upon proposed legislation, not enacted and the Court of Appeals held:

We simply note that proposed legislation, not enacted, has no consequence whatever upon the interpretation of an existing statute. While such proposed legislation may indicate to some extent some of the individual legislators' interpretation of an existing statute, it is in no way controlling or, for that matter, relevant, to the Court's duty to properly construe statutes.

4. UTSE and BellSouth rely on proposed legislation, not enacted which is in no way controlling or relevant to the TRA's duty to properly construe statutes and therefore their briefs should be stricken.

Wherefore the Consumer Advocate Division prays that the Tennessee Regulatory

Authority Strike the brief of Post Hearing Brief of UTSE and the Brief Regarding Statutory

Construction of BellSouth.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion has been mailed postage prepaid to the parties listed below this _____ day of April, 1997.

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