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April 28, 1997

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37238

Re: *United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. Tariff No. 96-201 to Reflect Annual
Price Cap Adjustment*
Docket No. 96-01423

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are the original and thirteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion to Strike Unsworn Testimony Contained in the Brief of the Consumer Advocate Division Regarding Directory Assistance in the above-referenced matter. A copy has been provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,


Guy M. Hicks

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Enclosure

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

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**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S MOTION
TO STRIKE UNSWORN TESTIMONY CONTAINED
IN THE BRIEF OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
DIVISION REGARDING DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") joins in and concurs with United Telephone-Southeast, Inc.'s ("United-SE") Motion to Strike Unsworn Testimony Contained in the Consumer Advocate's Post-Hearing Brief. The Consumer Advocate Division's ("CAD") April 18, 1997 Brief is replete with unsworn testimony and other alleged evidence that has not been entered into the record. The CAD speculates as to various legislator's motives and perspectives without any citations or other authority whatsoever. For example, the CAD's footnote 14 at page 18 states, "Agreement or not, a number of legislators and members of the public still objected to a directory assistance charge for a number of good reasons." This unsubstantiated statement is made without any reference whatsoever to legislative history, or any other authority.

It is surprising that the CAD would take such liberties in its Brief, given the fact that it had been instructed twice by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") not to testify during the March 11, 1997 hearing in this case (Tr. p. 232 and 251). Moreover, previous briefs submitted by the CAD in this proceeding were stricken in their entirety by order of the TRA, in part because of inappropriate testimony contained therein (Tr. p. 15-16, April 15, 1997 hearing).

BellSouth joins in United-SE's motion and urges the TRA to strike the following portions of the CAD's April 18 Brief:

P. 8, line 6, beginning "In this regard..." through p. 9, line 8, ending "... headed the committee."

P. 18, line 6, beginning "At or near ..." through p. 19, line 3, ending "... as a free usage."

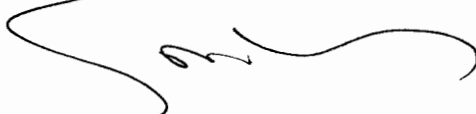
Footnotes, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14

The above referenced statements from the CAD's Brief should be stricken because they are not based on matters which appear in the hearing transcript, are not based on matters contained in documents attached to the CAD's brief and are matters not suitable for official notice. Rather, the statements appear to be nothing more than late-filed unsworn testimony.

Based on the foregoing, BellSouth respectfully requests that the above-referenced statements be stricken from the CAD's Brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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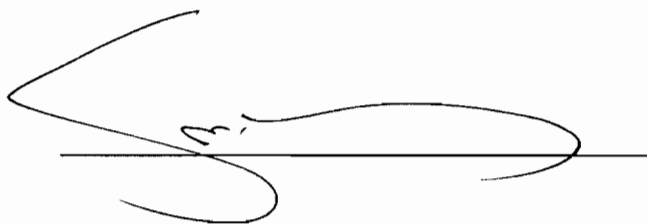
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