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May 9, 1997

Mr. David Waddell Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

RE: Docket No. 96-01423 (UTSE Annual Price Cap Adjustment)

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed for filing in the above case are the original and fourteen copies of United Telephone-Southeast, Inc.'s Response to the Consumer Advocate's Motion to Strike Briefs of UTSE and BellSouth.

A copy of this Response is being furnished to counsel of record.

Sincerely yours,

James B. Wright

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Enclosures

CC: Steve Parrott (with enclosure)
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Bob Wallace (with enclosure)

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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. 96-10423

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The Consumer Advocate also notes that United's Brief contains an argument dealing with an issue other than directory assistance and asks that such discussion be stricken. United does not object to striking the part of its Post Hearing Brief dealing with 911 Emergency Service appearing on pages 8 and 9.

Respectfully submitted, UNITED TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE (UTSE Annual Price Cap Adjustment)

The undersigned hereby certifies that United Telephone-Southeast, Inc.'s Response to Consumer Advocate's Motion to Strike has been served upon the following counsel of record in Docket No. 96-01423 this 9th day of May, 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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