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December 6, 1996

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
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Re: Tariff Filing by United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. to Reflect
Annual Price Cap Adjustment (Tariff No. 96-201)
Docket No. 96-01423

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed please find the original and 13 copies of BellSouth's
Petition to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted,


Bennett L. Ross

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Enclosure

cc: Dianne Neal, Esquire
Vincent Williams, Esquire
LaDon Baltimore, Esquire
James Wright, Esquire

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE: TARIFF FILING BY UNITED TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC. TO REFLECT
 ANNUAL PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENT (Tariff No. 96-201)

Docket No. 96-01423

PETITION OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310 and T.C.A. § 65-2-101, Bell South Telecommunications, Inc. petitions the Authority for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. Petitioner is a Georgia corporation authorized to furnish local exchange telephone service and intrastate (long distance) intraLATA telephone service in the state of Tennessee subject to the jurisdiction of the Authority. Petitioner is an incumbent local exchange telephone company within the meaning of T.C.A. § 65-4-102(d).

2. Petitioner has a legal interest that may be determined in this proceeding, which involves the Authority's review of tariffs filed by United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. pursuant to its price regulation plan under T.C.A. § 65-5-209. A price regulation plan for Petitioner was approved by the Tennessee Public Service Commission by order entered on January 23, 1996. Although the effectiveness of that order has been stayed by the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Petitioner has a legal interest in this proceeding to the extent the Authority will be interpreting the provisions of T.C.A. § 65-5-209 as they may be applied to other incumbent local exchange telephone companies operating under price regulation.

3. Allowing Petitioner to intervene will not impair the interests of justice or the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

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4. Petitioner respectfully requests that it be granted leave to intervene and participate as a party in the above-captioned proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:

1. That it be permitted to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party.

2. That Petitioner have such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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Guy M. Hicks

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 6, 1996, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via U. S. Mail, postage pre-paid, addressed as follows:

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ORDER

This matter is before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (hereafter "Authority") upon a petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for leave to intervene and participate in this proceeding as its interests may appear. The Authority considered this matter at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on November 13, 1996. The Authority has determined that this proceeding and the actions which may be taken by the Authority herein may affect or determine the legal rights and duties of BellSouth and that the interest of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding will not be impaired by allowing this intervention.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED,

1. That the petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for leave to intervene in the above-captioned cause be, and the same is hereby GRANTED.

2. That the intervenor be and the same is hereby made a party to this proceeding and shall receive all copies of notices and orders and be permitted to participate in all aspects of the hearing including providing testimony and cross-examining witnesses.

Chairman

ATTEST:
