

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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IN RE: UNITED TELEPHONE- )  
SOUTHEAST, INC. TARIFF NO. 96-201 ) EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
TO REFLECT ANNUAL PRICE CAP ) DOCKET NO. 96-01423  
ADJUSTMENT )

OBJECTION TO PROPOSED ORDER

The Consumer Advocate Division objects to the language in the Order proposed by United Telephone. The selective use of language proposed by United creates the impression that there was agreement to matters not reached. And further that the Division does not agree and did not agree to the statements proposed by United. The Division in order to be helpful will stipulate that it will agree to the following modifications to the Proposed Order.

In the last paragraph on page 4, the first sentence should read:

At the December 17, 1996 prehearing conference, Dr. Klein reputed that the parties had met and that all the parties had agreed in concept to ~~a price index methodology~~ *the ultimate calculation methodology used to compute the minimum annual adjustment.*<sup>1</sup> Dr. Klein stated that ~~United's proposed methodology was acceptable~~ the parties agreed to conform . . .

On page 5, the first full sentence's should read:

~~This~~ Another modification to the SPI calculation methodology ~~required~~ *requires* a related change in the new service languages *as it applies to actual occurrences at United during the period.*<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The agreement to methodology only pertained to the ultimate calculation.

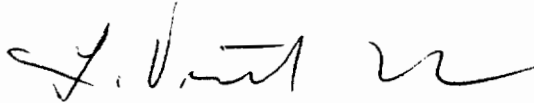
<sup>2</sup> The Consumer Advocate Division neither made nor intended to make any agreements regarding matters which did not actually occur at United's during its first year.

On page 5, first full paragraph, second sentence:

All parties agreed with the *ultimate calculation* methodology for *determining the maximum annual adjustments* as presented by Dr. Klein.

If United or any party disagrees with the changes to the proposed order proposed by the Consumer Advocate Division, the Division prays that the hearing officer order the parties to make the stipulation in writing for attachment as an exhibit to the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Vincent Williams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

L. Vincent Williams  
Consumer Advocate

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Objection to Proposed Order was served on parties of record via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 1996.

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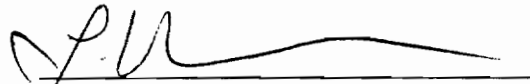
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