

IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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


REPLY TO RESPONSE OF UNITED TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC.

It is clear from United's response and the transcript of the hearing that the Consumer Advocate never agreed to the language presented in United's proposed Order. As the Division stated, and Dr. Klein indicated, the sole subject of the meetings was "the method of calculating the service price index." (Dr. Klein at page 4, December 17, 1996 Prehearing Conference transcript).

Other issues such as "stimulation or destimulation" were not resolved and other matters were never discussed. Moreover, United was to draft language for the review of the parties.

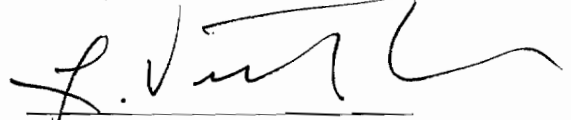
Instead of clearing the draft language with all parties, United unilaterally submitted a proposed Order and a tariff with which the Consumer Advocate Division does not agree and which constitutes United's unilateral position.

Respectfully submitted,


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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Reply has been mailed postage prepaid to the parties listed below this 13th day of January, 1997.


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