TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Sara Kyle, Chairman Lynn Greer, Director Melvin Malone, Director



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DOCKET:

97-00409

IN RE:

All Telephone Companies Tariff Filings Regarding

Reclassification of Pay Telephone Service as Required by FCC

Docket No. 96-128

DATE:

December 13, 2001

In an Order entered in the above-styled docket on June 8, 2001, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") remanded the docket to the Pre-Hearing Officer "for the purpose of setting a schedule for discovery and resolving discovery disputes." The Authority further directed that "[a]t the conclusion of discovery, the Authority will determine whether an evidentiary hearing is necessary."

On October 9, 2001, the Pre-Hearing Officer entered the Order on Discovery Disputes in which the Pre-Hearing Officer directed the parties as follows: 1) United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. ("United") shall file the cost study referenced in the September 27, 2001 Response of United Telephone – Southeast, Inc. to Order Granting Motion to Compel along with all supporting documentation by October 10, 2001; 2) United shall provide the information requested in Request No. 18(c) of the First Set of Data Request From Tennessee Payphone Owners' Association to Sprint/United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. by October 10, 2001; 3) Tennessee Payphone Owners Association ("TPOA") shall serve additional discovery requests, if any, upon United and file same with the Authority by October 31, 2001; and 4) United shall provide TPOA with responses to discovery requests and file same with the Authority by November 14, 2001. The parties have submitted the requested filings pursuant to the Order on Discovery Disputes.

Before proceeding any further, the Authority directs the parties to either submit a joint statement indicating that discovery is complete or individual statements identifying any remaining discovery issues. Further, in order to aid the Authority in its determination of whether an evidentiary hearing is necessary, the Authority requests that parties file comments on this subject. The requested statements and comments shall be filed by **Friday**, **December 28**, **2001**.

FOR THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY:

K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary

cc: Parties of Record

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