BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE: JOINT PETITION OF TEC) COMPANIES AND THE CONSUMER) ADVOCATE DIVISION FOR APPROVAL) OF EARNINGS REVIEW SETTLEMENT)	*89 NER 25 NE 11 54 DOCKET NO. 99-00995 OUTWIE SECRETARY
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CONSUMER ADVOCATE DIVISION'S STATEMENT OF ISSUES

Comes the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of Attorney General, pursuant to the request of the Regulatory Authority ("TRA"), and hereby submits its statement of issues. The Consumer Advocate Division objects to the pre-hearing statement of issues and reserves the right to amend its statement of issues pending discovery, which has not yet taken place.

- 1. Whether the Settlement Agreement between TEC and the Consumer Advocate Division should be approved.
- 2. Whether AT&T's proposed rate design benefits only AT&T, is not in the interest of TEC consumers, and is not "just and reasonable" as required under Tennessee law and is not in the public interest and should be dismissed.
- 3. Whether AT&T's claims are barred on the ground of unclean hands because even though AT&T has alleged that TEC's access rates are not "just and reasonable," there is no proof in the record that AT&T's own rates are just and reasonable or that AT&T's rate of return is unjust and unreasonable due to access charge payments to TEC. Unless and until AT&T can demonstrate to the TRA that its own rates are just



and reasonable it should not be heard in its complaint that TEC's rates are not just and reasonable.

4. Whether, in the alternative, AT&T's complaint regarding access charges should be transferred to the Access Charge Reform Docket, No. 97-00889, which is now also being considered in the Universal Docket No. 97-00888.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Statement of Issues has been faxed and or mailed postage prepaid to the parties listed below this ______ day of April, 2000.

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