

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 22, 2001

IN RE:)
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UNIVERSAL SERVICE GENERIC) **DOCKET NO.**
CONTESTED CASE) **97-00888**

SECOND INTERIM ORDER ON PHASE II

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on February 21, 2001 upon *BellSouth's Revised Revenue Benchmarks and Access Line Counts*, filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") on October 24, 2000; *UTSE's Revised Revenue Benchmark and Access Line Count*, filed by United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. ("UTSE") on October 24, 2000; *Comments of AT&T on Revised Revenue Benchmarks and Updated Access Line Counts*, filed by AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. ("AT&T") on November 3, 2000; and *Comments of the Tennessee Cable Telecommunications Association*, filed by the Tennessee Cable Television Association ("TCTA") on November 3, 2000.

I. HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Authority convened the Universal Service Docket to establish an intrastate Universal Service funding mechanism pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-207; Section 214 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act");¹ and Federal Communications Commission ("FCC")

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 214 (Supp. 2000)