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ADVISORY OPINION 1980-10

Ms. Janet M. Hogan
Director - Public Affairs
United Telecommunications, Inc.
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Kansas City, Missouri 64112

Dear Ms. Hogan:

This responds to your letter of January 28, 1980, as supplemented, requesting an advisory opinion on behalf of United Telecommunications, Inc., and its separate segregated fund, United Telecom Political Action Committee, concerning application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act") to the name of the separate segregated fund.

According to your letter United Telecommunications, Inc., has established a political action committee which is, in fact, a separate segregated fund. The name "United Telecom Political Action Committee" is used on committee checks. On the committee letterhead both "The United Telecom Political Action Committee" and "UniPAC" appears. In light of recent statutory changes, you ask if use of these names is in compliance with the Act.

2 U.S.C. 432(e)(5) requires that the name of any separate segregated fund established pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 441b include the name of its connected organization. This provision does not, however, prohibit the use of abbreviations or acronyms as long as the official name of the committee (separate segregated fund) is used in all disclosure statements required by 2 U.S.C. 441d. H.R. Rep. No. 422, 96th Cong., 1st Sess. 13 (1979).

The committee's statement of organization indicates that the name of the committee is "United Telecom Political Action Committee (UniPAC)". Committee letterheads use that entire name, and committee checks use that name without the parenthetical "(UniPAC)." The Commission thus concludes that the names appearing on the checks and letterhead are acceptable under the Act. Although those names comply with the Act, the committee's official name must be modified to include the full corporate name: United Telecommunications, Inc., Political

Action Committee. An amendment to the committee's statement of organization should be filed within 10 days to reflect this change in its official name. 2 U.S.C. 433(c). The official name must be used on any notices of sponsorship required under 2 U.S.C. 441d.

This response constitutes an advisory opinion concerning application of the Act, or regulations prescribed by the Commission to the specific transaction or activity set forth in your request. See 2 U.S.C. 437f.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Robert O. Tiernan
Chairman for the
Federal Election Commission