

# United Telephone rate increases (cont.)

[continued from front page] climbed well over 50%.

The company was also allowed to increase rates for certain supplemental services, PBX trunk groups and non-recurring charges. Included in the PUC ruling were proposals by United for reductions in rates for base rate area expansions in certain exchanges and decreases in zone rates in other selected exchanges, totaling \$42,265 annually. Also, charges for telephone colors were eliminated resulting in an annual decrease of \$7,216. All changes are effective on 18 December.

The PUC action reduced United's original request of an annual increase of \$5.5 million in operating re-

venues to \$2.8 million.

L.G. Wigbels, United's president, said, "We fully documented, justified and thoroughly believe in the \$5.5 million we requested. Our customers also evidenced that our request was reasonable as no formal complaints were made to the PUC.

"However, it is apparent that there is an honest difference of opinion with the PUC staff concerning the level of earnings needed. We had no realistic alternative other than to accept the PUC's cut in our request because further delays would only make our need for additional revenues more critical. Runaway inflation," Wigbels con-

tinued, "especially affects our company in an adverse way because we must constantly invest in new and/or more equipment of all kinds. We have no discretionary choice as to whether or not we will provide adequate service in a timely manner. "Our acceptance of the reduced amount shows that

United supports responsible efforts to curb runaway inflation while assuring that the company can accomplish its most compelling mission of providing basic vital service for all customers. The PUC's reduction in our request shortens the time within which the company will again have to request further increases in rates."

# Cafeteria (cont.)

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cafeteria food is supplied by the government, but most of it comes from local businesses. Student salt shakers have been removed because of the government concern with the heavily salt laden American diet. The cafeteria could be fined heavily if they supplied salt shakers for student use.

The older students agreed that cafeteria food doesn't always taste like home

cooking, but after working in the cafeteria, the students appreciated the great lengths the cafeteria ladies go to in order to make the food eye-appealing and appetizing. They learned that cooking in large quantities and having to keep food hot during the one-and-one-half hour lunch period poses other problems.

Most high school students agreed that working in the cafeteria is very demanding.

# Donegal Mutual (cont.)

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