

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of ) DOCKET NO. 940859-TL  
tariff filing to make revisions ) ORDER NO. PSC-94-1222-FOF-TL  
to Data Transport Access Channel ) ISSUED: October 6, 1994  
Service by BELLSOUTH )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. d/b/a )  
SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND )  
TELEGRAPH COMPANY. )  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman  
SUSAN F. CLARK  
JOE GARCIA  
JULIA L. JOHNSON  
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

I. BACKGROUND

On August 1, 1994, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph (Southern Bell or the Company) filed a tariff to make revisions to its Data Transport Access Channel Service. The proposed revisions include the introduction of a new rate element, obsoleting a feature and combining nonrecurring and service order charges. The revisions will tariff a service that is currently provided through special service arrangements and allow Southern Bell to respond to customer demand in the interactive data market.

II. THE SERVICE

Data Transport Access Channel Service provides the data channel facilities between a customer's premises and a central office or between two central offices for access to Company-provided central office data switched services. Data Transport Access Channel Service is used primarily with PulseLink Public Packet Switched Network Service (PPSN or PulseLink). PPSN is a data transport service. Data Transport Access Channel Service can

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also be used with other compatible central office data services. Data Transport Access Channel Service also provides access to other Composite Data Services as well as access to other Company-provided channel services. Data Transport Access Channels are provided for analog voice-grade or digital data transmission.

Data Transport Access Channel Service is comprised of three components: (1) Dial Access Channel Service, (2) Central Office Data Sets, and (3) Dial Backup Service. Dial Access Channel Service provides the central office line equipment and facilities in a terminating central office for calls between the local exchange network and a Company-provided data switched service or for connection to a dedicated access analog channel. Dial Access Channel Service always requires a dial access line. A dial access line is the wire facility providing the connection between an end-user and a central office.

Central Office Data Set is an optional feature that connects a Dial Access Channel to a data set at a terminating central office. Data set is a common name for the device which performs the modem function in a communications link. The data set converts digital signals to analog signals and vice versa. This allows for the transmission of data signals over the telephone network. Several types of data set connections are provided according to the type of associated access channel and transmission speed desired by the customer. For dial access channel service, central office data sets are offered at 300, 1200, and 2400 bps. For dedicated access channel service, central office data sets are offered at 1.2, 2.4, 4.8, and 9.6 Kbps. Finally, for dedicated access channel service using digital facilities, central office data sets are offered at 1.2, 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, and 56 Kbps.

Dial Backup Service allows a customer to alternate communications from a dedicated access channel to the Public Voice Switched Network.

### III. TARIFF REVISIONS

Southern Bell's proposal involves four revisions. The first revision adds a new 9.6 Kbps central office data set for dial access channel service. This new data set can adapt its speed to the speed of the call originating customer premises equipment. Because of the adaptivity, this data set can function at 300, 1200, 2400, and 9600 bps. This service is already offered under a special service arrangement. Tariffing the service as opposed to offering the service under a special service arrangement means that future customers subscribing to 9.6 Kbps central data sets will

receive the service at the same price. Under special service arrangements, rates are developed on an individual case basis. Southern Bell's proposed charge for this service will cover its costs.

Southern Bell's second revision is a proposal to obsolete its Dial Backup Service. This capability was introduced in September, 1989 to provide redundancy for analog direct channels into the PulseLink network. The Company proposes obsoleting Dial Backup Service because the technology supporting this offering is no longer available. Customers who currently have the service will be able to keep it but the service will not be offered to new customers.

Currently, the service order charge and the nonrecurring charge for Dial Access Line are tariffed as separate items. Service order charges apply when a customer makes a request for service and are designed to recover the cost of receiving that order. Nonrecurring charges are applied to recover the cost of engineering and installing a particular service. Southern Bell's third revision will combine these two charges. Southern Bell contends that combining the charges will make ordering and billing easier. These changes will not affect the overall cost to customers.

Finally, as a result of the above proposed revisions, the Company proposes various modifications in its tariff language to reflect the revisions.

Based on the foregoing, we approve Southern Bell's tariff filing, effective September 30, 1994.

It is, therefore,

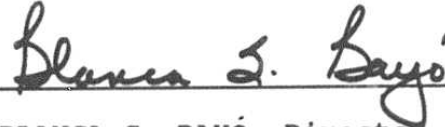
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Southern Bell's tariff filing revising its Data Transport Access Channel Service is approved. It is further

ORDERED that this tariff filing shall be effective September 30, 1994. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, this tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 6th  
day of October, 1994.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

The Commission's decision on this tariff is interim in nature and will become final, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed files a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.036(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a)(d) and (e), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on October 27, 1994.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this Order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

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If this Order becomes final on the date described above, any party adversely affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days of the date this Order becomes final, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.