

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 940857-TL
tariff filing to delete Extended) ORDER NO. PSC-94-1287-FOF-TL
Communications Service from) ISSUED: October 17, 1994
General Subscriber Service)
Tariff by BELLSOUTH)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. d/b/a)
SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND)
TELEGRAPH COMPANY)
_____)

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:

On November 12, 1991, we issued Order 25324 approving the introduction of Extended Communications Service in Florida. The service was designed to provide an ESSX, Digital ESSX, or PBX customer with the ability to extend service from his or her location to other locations within the same LATA without the use of point-to-point dedicated private line service.

On August 15, 1994, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed a tariff to delete Extended Communications Service from its General Subscriber Service Tariff. Southern Bell wants to delete the service because there are no subscribers to it.

Extended Communications Service (EXCS) is an arrangement that provides an ESSX service, Digital ESSX service, or PBX customer with the ability to extend service from their location to other locations within the same LATA without the use of dedicated private line service. EXCS utilizes both the existing Equal Access End Office capability and the interoffice trunking network.

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EXCS subscribers must dial a five digit access code which identifies the call as an EXCS call for routing over the public switched network to the EXCS screening office. Additional dialing of 1+7 digits or 1+10 digits is required. Depending on whether the subscriber location is an ESSX service, a Digital ESSX service, or a PBX, dialing a "9" may also be required.

The Company proposes to delete EXCS from its General Subscriber Service Tariff, therefore making the service unavailable in Florida. The Company contends that since the service's introduction in October 1991, there have been no subscribers. The lack of subscribers to EXCS is due primarily to the dialing procedure used to access EXCS. As discussed earlier, customers must dial an access code and an additional eight or eleven digits. Southern Bell also stated that customer use of intraLATA toll alternatives has also contributed to the lack of subscribers to the service.

The Company contends that there are a variety of toll plans, private network services, and private line services offered by interexchange companies and resellers that may be used to provide the functional equivalent of EXCS. Southern Bell offers similar services to ESSX and PBX customers who require extended calling within their LATAs. These services include toll services such as WatsSaver Service, private line services, and local service calling plans. A number of these services may prove, according to Southern Bell, more economically feasible than EXCS.

There is no impact on either customers or the Company from deleting EXCS. There are no subscribers to this service. ESSX and PBX customers needing extended intraLATA calling services can obtain EXCS-like service via LEC or non-LEC provided alternatives. Southern Bell has no additional investment to recover from this service. Our review of the original filing indicated that no additional investment was made in order to provide EXCS. The Company stated that the service was to be provided with existing Company facilities.

Therefore, we approve Southern Bell's tariff filing to delete EXCS, effective October 14, 1994.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Southern Bell's tariff to delete Extended Communications Service from its General Subscriber Services Tariff is approved. It is further

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ORDERED that this tariff shall be effective on October 14, 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.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 17th day of October, 1994.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay J. Lynn
Chief, Bureau of Records

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 November 7, 1994.

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

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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.

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.