

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Resolution by Levy) DOCKET NO. 930995-TL
County Board of County) ORDER NO. PSC-95-0646-FOF-TL
Commissioners for county-wide) ISSUED: May 24, 1995
calling within Levy County and)
extended area service (EAS) from)
Chiefland and Cedar Key to)
Gainesville.)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

ORDER IMPLEMENTING EXTENDED AREA SERVICE

BY THE COMMISSION:

I. BACKGROUND

This docket was initiated pursuant to a Resolution filed by the Levy County Board of County Commissioners for countywide calling within Levy County and for extended area service (EAS) from Chiefland and Cedar Key to Gainesville. The exchanges are served by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell), with the exception of the Williston exchange, which is served by United Telephone Company of Florida (United). All of these exchanges are located within the Gainesville LATA (local access transport area).

By Order No. PSC-93-1589-PCO-TL, issued November 1, 1993, we required Southern Bell and United to conduct traffic studies on these routes. We granted Southern Bell an extension of time until April 1, 1994 to file the traffic studies by Order No. PSC-94-0005-PCO-TL, issued January 3, 1994. By Order No. PSC-94-0589-PCO-TL, issued May 19, 1994, Southern Bell and United were required to conduct traffic studies on the routes that were inadvertently omitted from the first traffic study.

We required Southern Bell to survey its customers in the Bronson exchange for nonoptional, two-way, flat rate EAS to the Gainesville exchange under the 25/25 plan with regrouping by Order

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No. PSC-94-0766-PCO-TL, issued June 21, 1994. The order provided that if implemented, the additive shall stay in effect for two years or until Southern Bell's next earnings review, whichever comes later.

By Order No. PSC-94-1533-FOF-TL, issued December 12, 1994, we ordered the implementation of EAS between Bronson and Gainesville as soon as possible but no later than one year. We further ordered that the Trenton subscribers shall be surveyed for nonoptional EAS to Gainesville since the calling rates on this route met the requirements for EAS. This survey included the Trenton/Newberry route to avoid leapfrogging.

II. RESULTS OF SURVEY - TRENTON EXCHANGE

Southern Bell mailed 2,871 ballots to all customers of record in the Trenton exchange. The results of the survey are provided in Table A:

TABLE A
SURVEY RESULTS

	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL MAILED	PERCENT OF TOTAL RETURNED
Ballots Mailed	2,871	100.00%	
Ballots Returned	1,412	49.18	100.00%
For EAS	973	33.89%	68.91%
Against EAS	433	15.08%	30.67%
Invalid	6	.21%	.42%

Rule 25-4.063(6), Florida Administrative Code, requires a majority of all respondents in each exchange to vote favorably and at least 40% of all ballots mailed must be returned. Based on this rule, the survey passed because 49.18% of all ballots mailed were returned and 68.91% of the ballots returned voted in favor of EAS.

Based on the results of the survey, we require Southern Bell to implement nonoptional, two-way, flat rate EAS between the Trenton and Gainesville exchanges and the Trenton and Newberry exchanges at the rates stated in Order No. PSC-94-1533-FOF-TL listed which are listed in Table B.

TABLE B

Present Rates	25/25 Additive	Regrouping	Total Additive	New Rate
R-1 \$ 7.70	\$ 2.20	\$ 1.10	\$ 3.30	\$ 11.00
B-1 \$20.80	\$ 5.96	\$ 3.05	\$ 9.01	\$ 29.81
PBX \$35.36	\$ 10.14	\$ 5.19	\$ 15.33	\$ 50.69

Accordingly, we find that the Trenton/Gainesville and the Trenton/Newberry routes shall be implemented as soon as possible but not to exceed twelve months from the issuance date of this Order.

We also required in Order No. PSC-94-1533-FOF-TL that if this survey passed, the Enhanced Optional Extended Area Service (EOEAS) options on the Trenton to Gainesville and Newberry routes (Premium - flat rate), Trenton to Gainesville route (remaining options), and Newberry to Trenton (Premium - flat rate) shall be discontinued simultaneously with the implementation of EAS.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company shall implement two-way, nonoptional flat rate extended area service between the Trenton and Gainesville exchanges and the Trenton and Newberry exchanges. This route shall be implemented as soon as possible but no later than twelve months from the issuance date of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that Southern Bell shall implement two-way, flat rate extended area service between the Trenton and Gainesville exchanges and the Trenton and Newberry exchanges at the monthly rates set forth in Order No. PSC-94-1533-FOF-TL: R-1 at \$11.00; B-1 at \$29.81; and PBX at \$50.69. The additive shall remain in place for two years after implementation or until Southern Bell's next rate case whichever comes later. It is further

ORDERED that the Enhanced Optional Extended Area Service options on the Trenton to Gainesville and Newberry routes (Premium - flat rate), Trenton to Gainesville route (remaining options), and Newberry to Trenton (Premium - flat rate) shall be discontinued simultaneously with the implementation of extended area service. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 24th
day of May, 1995.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
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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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/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 after the issuance of this order, 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.