

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Tariff filing by SOUTHERN BELL)	DOCKET NO. 870537-TL
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY to)	ORDER NO. 20958
introduce Ringmaster Service)	ISSUED 3-29-89

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

- MICHAEL MCK. WILSON, Chairman
- THOMAS M. BEARD
- BETTY EASLEY
- GERALD L. GUNTER
- JOHN T. HERNDON

ORDER MODIFYING REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND CLOSING DOCKET

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 1, 1987, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed a tariff to introduce Ringmaster Service on a statewide basis. In this filing, Southern Bell also incorporated the concept of permanent banded rates and a thirty-days' notice provision for changes within those rate bands. Our staff requested that the Company file a Petition for authority to include these innovative features and the Company complied by filing, on June 22, 1987, its Petition for Authority to Introduce Ringmaster Service With an Established Band of Rates and Motion for Exception to Tariff Filing Requirements.

By Order No. 17908, issued July 27, 1987, we approved this tariff filing and the Company's Petition and Motion. Because of the innovative nature of the banded rates concept, our Order also imposed a reporting requirement on the Company. The Company was required to file quarterly reports during the first 18 months of implementation of Ringmaster. These reports were to provide the information specified in Order No. 17908.

Our primary purpose in requiring such reports from the Company was to have available data on the impact of rate changes within the bands. Through the reports, we could better understand what criteria the Company used when changing rates within the bands, as well as the Company's criteria for evaluating the success of the concept.

The initial 18-month monitoring period has since ended. During this time, the Company has made no rate changes within the bands; thus, data on the impact of rate changes is not available for analysis. Since Southern Bell's primary justification for requesting banded rates focused on their need for immediate pricing flexibility for discretionary and competitive services, we have considered requiring the company to continue filing such quarterly reports with us. However, after consideration of the time and expense to both the Company and ourselves, it is our decision require a report from the Company only at such time as it actually makes a change within a rate band.

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In light of our decision above, it is no longer necessary to keep this docket open. Accordingly, this docket shall be closed.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company shall file reports with the Commission on its Ringmaster Service as described in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this docket is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission,
this 29th day of MARCH, 1989.


STEVE TRIBBLE, 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.

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 or sewer 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.