

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 920703-TL
tariff filing to include private) ORDER NO. PSC-92-0942-FOF-TL
line circuit required for Ticket-) ISSUED: 9/8/92
Taker Service in the service's)
rates and to give customers the)
option of being billed on a per)
call or per order basis by)
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)
INC. d/b/a SOUTHERN BELL)
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.)

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman
SUSAN F. CLARK
J. TERRY DEASON
BETTY EASLEY
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 15, 1992, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed a proposed tariff to revise its existing offering of TicketTaker Service. TicketTaker Service provides cable television companies with the capability of receiving service orders for pay-per-view programming from their clients. Cable company clients order video programs by dialing a number assigned to the specific video program. The assigned number and the cable client's calling number are recorded and sent to the cable company via a data link.

Currently, Southern Bell charges cable television companies on a per call basis only. Per call refers to all telephone calls received by cable companies through the TicketTaker Service. All such calls may not result in orders for pay-per-view programming. Southern Bell's proposed tariff would give cable companies the option of being billed on a per order basis. Per order refers to calls that result in the sale of pay-per-view service. The proposed tariff includes the private line component of the service in the per call/order charge.

Our review of Southern Bell's cost study for its TicketTaker Service indicates that rates cover the cost of the revised service, including the private line service and the per order option. Additionally, the proposed rates provide a reasonable contribution. As with the current tariff, under Southern Bell's proposal, the per

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unit costs as well as per unit rates decrease as customer usage increases. The per unit costs, however, are covered by rates at each usage level.

Upon review, we find that by including private line services in its TicketTaker Service rates, Southern Bell will be able to meet its market demand for this type of service structure. Adding the per order option to the tariff provides TicketTaker customers with billing flexibility. TicketTaker rates provide reasonable contribution to the cost of service. Thus, we shall approve Southern Bell's proposal.

Based upon the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's proposed tariff which includes the cost of private line service in its TicketTaker Service rates and provides for TicketTaker Service billing on a per call or per order basis is hereby approved with an effective date of August 19, 1992. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed this tariff shall remain in effect with any increase 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 8th day of September, 1992.



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.

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 at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on September 29, 1992.

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.

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.