

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

DATE: October 19, 1993

RE: DOCKET NO. 921193-TL - Resolution by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners for extended area service between all exchanges in Palm Beach County.

Issue 1: Recommendation that the calling rates on some of the toll routes considered in this docket qualify for a survey for nonoptional, flat rate, two-way toll free calling. Calling rates on five (5) of the twelve (12) routes reviewed in this docket are sufficient to warrant a survey for nonoptional, flat rate, two-way toll free calling (Delray Beach/West Palm Beach and Boynton Beach/Boca Raton are included to avoid leapfrogging and should be balloted under the same terms and conditions as the routes that met the EAS qualifications). The routes are listed below:

- Belle Glade/West Palm Beach
- Boynton Beach/Boca Raton
- Pahokee/West Palm Beach
- Delray Beach/West Palm Beach
- Boca Raton/West Palm Beach

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: CL LA JN

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

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DISSENTING

REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

Staff to advise

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Issue 1: Continued

The Commission should order a separate survey of customers in the Belle Glade, Pahokee, Delray Beach, and Boca Raton exchanges for nonoptional, flat rate, two-way EAS to West Palm Beach, and the Boynton Beach customers should be surveyed for nonoptional EAS to Boca Raton. The rates at which these customers should be surveyed will be decided in Issue 2. The surveys should be conducted within forty-five (45) days of the date the order from this recommendation becomes final. Southern Bell should obtain staff's approval of the newspaper advertisement prior to publication, and the survey letter and ballot should be submitted to staff for approval prior to distribution to its customers. In addition, the Company should provide staff with a copy of the published newspaper advertisement and the dates run.

In addition, if the Boca Raton survey passes, the existing OEAS plan for the Boca Raton/West Palm Beach and the West Palm Beach/Boca Raton routes should be discontinued simultaneously with the implementation of EAS. The EOEAS plan for the Belle Glade/West Palm Beach, Delray Beach/West Palm Beach and Pahokee/West Palm Beach should also be discontinued simultaneously with the implementation of EAS, if the Belle Glade, Delray Beach and Pahokee surveys pass. If the Delray Beach/West Palm Beach survey passes, OEAS on the West Palm Beach/Delray Beach route should be discontinued simultaneously. If the Boynton Beach/Boca Raton survey passes, the \$.25 plan will be discontinued with the implementation of EAS. If the surveys pass (each survey is independent of the other), EAS should be implemented within twelve months of the Commission's order approving the survey. Furthermore, if the surveys pass, the additive should stay in place for two years after implementation of EAS or until Southern Bell's next earnings review, whichever comes later.

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Alternative Recommendation: Calling rates on five (5) of the twelve (12) routes reviewed in this docket are sufficient to warrant a survey for nonoptional, flat rate, two-way toll free calling (Delray Beach/West Palm Beach and Boynton Beach/Boca Raton are included to avoid leapfrogging and should be balloted under the same terms and conditions as the routes that met the EAS qualifications). The routes are listed below:

Belle Glade/West Palm Beach
Boynton Beach/Boca Raton
Pahokee/West Palm Beach
Delray Beach/West Palm Beach
Boca Raton/West Palm Beach

The Commission should order a separate survey of customers in the Belle Glade, Pahokee, Delray Beach, and Boca Raton exchanges for nonoptional, flat rate, two-way EAS to West Palm Beach, and the Boynton Beach customers should be surveyed for nonoptional EAS to Boca Raton. The rates at which these customers should be surveyed will be decided in Issue 2. The letter, ballot and newspaper advertisement should include language that, if the survey does not pass, an alternative plan will be implemented (depending on LEC, the ECS Plan (\$.25 per call for residents and \$.10 for the first minute and \$.06 for each additional minute for business) or the \$.25 plan (all calls rated at \$.25)). The surveys should be conducted within forty-five (45) days of the date the order from this recommendation becomes final. Southern Bell should obtain staff's approval of the newspaper advertisement prior to publication, and the survey letter and ballot should be submitted to staff for approval prior to distribution to its customers. In addition, the Company should provide staff with a copy of the published newspaper advertisement and the dates run.

In addition, if the Boca Raton survey passes, the existing OEAS plan for the Boca Raton/West Palm Beach and the West Palm Beach/Boca Raton routes should be discontinued simultaneously with the implementation of EAS. The EOEAS plan for the Belle Glade/West Palm Beach, Delray Beach/West Palm Beach and Pahokee/West Palm Beach should also be discontinued simultaneously with the implementation of EAS, if the Belle Glade, Delray Beach and Pahokee surveys pass. If the Delray Beach/West Palm Beach survey passes, OEAS on the West Palm Beach/Delray Beach route should be discontinued simultaneously. If the Boynton Beach/Boca Raton survey passes, the \$.25 plan should be discontinued with the implementation of EAS. If the surveys pass (each survey is independent of the other), EAS should be implemented within twelve months of the Commission's order approving the survey. Furthermore, if the surveys pass, the additive should stay in place for two years after implementation of EAS or until Southern Bell's next earnings review, whichever comes later.

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Issue 2: Recommendation that the Belle Glade, Pahokee, Delray Beach, and Boca Raton exchanges should be surveyed for nonoptional, flat rate, two-way EAS to West Palm Beach with subscribers responsible for an extra additive which recovers 25% of SBT's toll loss at the rates listed in Table A of staff's memorandum dated 10/7/93. With this additive, subscribers would pay for 25% of SBT's toll loss in addition to the regrouping additive and the 25/25 additive.

Alternative Recommendation: The Belle Glade, Pahokee, Delray Beach, and Boca Raton exchanges should be surveyed for nonoptional, flat rate, two-way EAS to West Palm Beach, and the Boynton Beach exchange should be surveyed for EAS to Boca Raton, both under the 25/25 plan with regrouping at the monthly rates listed in Table B of staff's memorandum.

Issue 3: Recommendation that there should be no alternative plans offered on any of the other toll routes considered in this docket. None of the calling rates on the remaining routes (those that did not meet the EAS requirements) exhibited calling rates and/or distribution sufficient to warrant an alternative toll plan except the Clewiston/Belle Glade route. This route is an interLATA route involving Southern Bell. Staff recommends that this route not be held to Rule 25-4.059 F.A.C., which states that if a determination has been made by the Commission for EAS or other toll alternative arrangements on a specific route, that route will not be reviewed more frequently than once in a three-year period, and thus, allow the Clewiston/Belle Glade route to be reevaluated once an acceptable interLATA plan is developed.