

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Comprehensive review of revenue requirements and rate stabilization plan of Southern Bell.

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PETITION OF PALM BEACH NEWSPAPERS, INC. AND FLORIDA TODAY FOR DISPOSITION OF 1996 UNALLOCATED RATE REDUCTIONS

Palm Beach Newspapers, Inc. ("PBNI") and Florida Today ("Florida Today"), pursuant to Order No. PSC-94-0172-FOF-TL, respectfully proposes to the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") that a portion of the \$48 million unallocated rate reduction scheduled to be implemented October 1, 1996, be used to reduce the N11 usage rate. In support of this request, PBNI and Florida Today state:

1. The complete name and address of the Petitioners are:

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2. All notices, communications, and other matters relating to this Docket should be addressed to the following:

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3. In Order No. PSC-94-0172-FOF-TL, the Commission approved an Implementation Agreement and Stipulation and Agreement Between the Office of Public Counsel and Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. The Order directs Southern Bell to reduce its rates by \$48 million effective October 1, 1996. Paragraph 4 of

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the Implementation Agreement allows interested persons to submit proposals for disposition of the \$48 million at least 120 days prior to October 1, 1996.

4. As contemplated under Order No. PSC-94-0172-FOF-TL, PBNI and Florida Today are interested persons and may submit this proposal as to how a portion of the \$48 million reduction shall be implemented.


5. PBNI and Florida Today propose that a portion of the remaining \$48 million in unallocated 1996 rate reduction funds be used to reduce the current N11 usage rate to \$0.02 per minute of use. The current N11 rate is set forth in Southern Bell's General Subscriber Service Tariff Section A39.1.6. PBNI and Florida Today will attempt to obtain from Southern Bell information that would quantify the revenue impact of this proposal. On information and belief, however, PBNI and Florida Today state that revenue impact would be less than \$500,000 per year. PBNI and Florida Today, however, reserves the right to modify or supplement this proposal based on the results of discovery upon Southern Bell.

6. At this time, the Commission has not yet issued a procedural order in this docket. However, PBNI and Florida Today are prepared to explain and support this proposal in subsequent proceedings that may be authorized.

WHEREFORE, Palm Beach Newspapers, Inc. and Florida Today respectfully request that the proposals for N11 usage reduction set forth herein be approved to be effective October 1, 1996.

DATED this 31st day of May, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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