

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by the COLUMBIA COUNTY)	DOCKET NO. 891265-TL
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS for)	
Extended Area Service between High)	ORDER NO. 22539
Springs and Lake City)	
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ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

This docket was initiated pursuant to a request filed with this Commission by the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners, requesting that we consider requiring implementation of extended area service (EAS) between the High Springs Exchange and the Lake City Exchange. The High Springs Exchange is served by ALLTEL Florida, Inc. (ALLTEL), while the Lake City Exchange is served by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell), both of which are subject to regulation by this Commission pursuant to Chapter 364, Florida Statutes.

By Order No. 22314, issued December 15, 1989, we directed ALLTEL and Southern Bell to perform traffic studies on this route to determine whether a sufficient community of interest exists, pursuant to Rule 25-4.060, Florida Administrative Code. In particular, the companies were directed to submit studies of the traffic between the High Springs Exchange and the Lake City Exchange, along with separate studies of the traffic between the Columbia County pocket area of the High Springs Exchange and the Lake City Exchange. The companies were to prepare and submit these studies to us within sixty (60) days of the issuance of Order No. 22314, making the studies due by February 13, 1990.

On February 6, 1990, Southern Bell filed a Motion for Extension of Time, requesting an extension through and including March 15, 1990, in which to prepare and to submit the required traffic studies. A substantially similar motion was filed on February 7, 1990, by ALLTEL. As grounds for these requests, both companies cite the complexities inherent in the preparation of traffic studies for EAS pocket areas, including the need to compile and tabulate the data manually.

Upon consideration, I find it appropriate to grant these requests for extension of time in which to comply with Order No. 22314. Both Southern Bell and ALLTEL will have until the close of business on March 15, 1990, to file the subject studies.

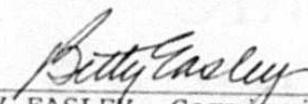
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Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Betty Easley, as Prehearing Officer, that the Motions for Extension of Time filed by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company on February 6, 1990, and by ALLTEL Florida, Inc. on February 7, 1990, are hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company and ALLTEL Florida, Inc. shall file the required traffic study data on or before March 15, 1990.

By ORDER of Commissioner Betty Easley, as Prehearing Officer, this 13th day of FEBRUARY, 1990.



BETTY EASLEY, Commissioner
and Prehearing Officer

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