

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed Tariff filing by	)	DOCKET NO. 900615-TL
SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH	)	
COMPANY to establish verification service	)	ORDER NO. 23621
credit for interexchange carriers	)	
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD  
 BETTY EASLEY  
 GERALD L. GUNTER  
 FRANK S. MESSERSMITH

ORDER WITHDRAWING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Order No. 22545, issued February 14, 1990, we approved Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's (Southern Bell or Company) tariff filing for Inward Operator Services Access Service (IOS). This service is an interLATA access service purchased by interexchange carriers (IXCs) from Southern Bell, and is based on end user requests for verification of a local exchange subscriber line located outside the LATA where the end user is originating the request. After the line is verified, the end user may request interruption of the call, whereby the party who has a call in progress is informed that an emergency call is being attempted, and has the option to terminate the call and stand by to receive the emergency call. The system for verification used since divestiture is an intertoll trunk arrangement between Southern Bell and AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (ATT-C). IOS was designed to replace this intertoll trunk arrangement so that Southern Bell could bill for the service and other carriers in addition to ATT-C could subscribe to it.

On July 1, 1990, Southern Bell filed a tariff for Verification Service Credit (VSC), which would allow for compensation to IXCs for IOS charges incurred for those verification requests which are classified as nonbillable to the end user. This compensation would cover those instances where the line which the end-user is attempting to verify or interrupt is out of service, a circuit is not available, or the call is to or from an emergency agency. Currently, Southern Bell lacks the ability to credit non-billable calls on an on-line, per occurrence basis, and does not expect to have this ability until mid-1991.

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On August 16, 1990, the Company asked to withdraw the filing for VSC. Southern Bell's basis for requesting withdrawal of the VSC filing is that the Company has no IOS customers because interstate IOS is not available and there is no technological method for separating interstate and intrastate IOS traffic. The Company has not filed for interstate IOS with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) because IOS is acceptable to the FCC only in conjunction with on-line verification of nonbillable calls, which will not be available until mid-1991.

Southern Bell expects to receive customer requests for IOS service only after it is capable of offering a means of transitioning end users' verification in both the interstate and intrastate jurisdictions away from the current intertoll arrangement to IOS with on-line credit capability for nonbillable calls. Since subscription to IOS is unlikely until mid-1991 when on-line crediting of nonbillable calls is implemented, there is no reason for the Company to offer VSC now, or in the future.

We believe that it is important to insure that IOS Access Service be made available to all customers (IXCs) on an equal access basis. Implementation of IOS and the concurrent withdrawal of the intertoll trunk arrangement would achieve this purpose. We also believe that Southern Bell has a strong incentive to develop on-line crediting of nonbillable calls as soon as possible, since the Company will be unable to secure customers for IOS or receive IOS revenue until it does so. Therefore, we approve the withdrawal of Southern Bell's proposed tariff filing to establish VSC.

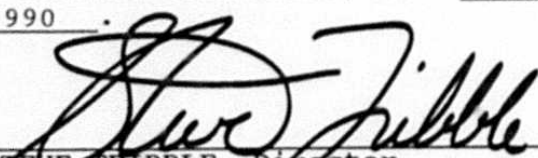
Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company shall be allowed to withdraw the proposed tariff filing to establish Verification Service Credit for interexchange carriers subscribing to Inward Operator Service. It is further

ORDERED that this docket be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 15th  
day of OCTOBER, 1990.

  
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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

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notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900 (a),  
Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.