

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff to) DOCKET NO. 920351-TL
delete Billing Validation) ORDER NO. PSC-92-0547-FOF-TL
Service by SOUTHERN BELL) ISSUED: 06/23/92
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK
J. TERRY DEASON
BETTY EASLEY
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 16, 1992, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed revisions to its Access Service Tariff proposing to delete Billing Validation Service (BVS). BVS provides for the use of Southern Bell's Billing Validation data base for the purpose of determining whether the calling card number being queried is valid for use. The service is available to a subscribing interexchange carrier (IXC), its designated agent, or pay telephone service provider on a per query basis.

Southern Bell has offered BVS to the IXCs since third quarter 1988. This service was initiated to accommodate the need for carriers other than AT&T to validate calling card information when an end user wanted to bill a call, completed over the carrier's facilities, to a Southern Bell Calling Card. BVS was intended as an interim service which would be replaced by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s (BellSouth's) Line Identification Data Base (LIDB) when it became available. Subscribers have paid a \$.09 per query rate, which recovers the cost of the service, but provides no contribution.

BellSouth's interstate LIDB service became effective on January 1, 1992. Southern Bell asserts that all BVS subscribers have migrated to LIDB. Additionally, the cost of LIDB to subscribers is \$.042 per query. We believe that BVS was approved as an interim service which would be deleted upon the implementation of LIDB. Therefore, we find it appropriate for the service to be deleted at this time. Accordingly, we approve the tariff as filed.

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BVS was tarified in Florida as a billing and collection service. BellSouth's interstate LIDB service is a switched access, rather than a billing and collection service. BellSouth provides its LIDB service at locations in Birmingham, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia. We find that, although jurisdictional issues may exist concerning the provision of intrastate LIDB, we shall not require Southern Bell to tariff LIDB at this time.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's proposed tariff deleting Billing Validation Service is hereby approved, effective June 8, 1992. It is further

ORDERED that Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company is not required to file a tariff for the provision of Line Identification Data Base at this time. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirement set forth below, the tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no protest is filed in accordance with the requirement set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 23rd day of June, 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 July 14, 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.