

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 920669-TL
tariff filing to reprice) ORDER NO. PSC-92-1471-FOF-TL
specific Megalink channel) ISSUED: 12/21/92
service and Lightgate service)
elements by BELLSOUTH)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. d/b/a)
SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND)
TELEGRAPH COMPANY.)

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman
SUSAN F. CLARK
J. TERRY DEASON
BETTY EASLEY
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 5, 1992, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (SBT or the Company) filed a proposed revision to its Private Line Service Tariff. The purpose of the proposed revision was to re-price specific MegaLink channel service and LightGate service elements.

MegaLink channel service (MLCS) and LightGate (LG) are Digital Network Service offerings in SBT's Private Line Service Tariff. MLCS is an intraLATA digital service which is provided on a channelized (multiplexed) capability in the Company's central office and/or at the customers' premises. This service is provided in packages based on multiple voice grade channel equivalents (DSO) where 24 voice grade channels are equivalent to a DS1 (1.544 Mbps). The LG service is a similar offering that uses fiber optics transmission to provide systems of DS3 (44.736 Mbps), DS1 and/or multiple voice grade channel equivalents.

The Company's tariff proposal will standardize prices, where possible, for similar DS1 channelization services in the Private Line and Access Services Tariffs. Rates and charges for MLCS and LG channelization are currently tariffed into the two basic elements of 1) Basic System Capacity (termination and common

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equipment in multiples of 24), and 2) Feature Activations (activation of individual lesser capacity channels). This proposal will reduce the nonrecurring charges for the basic elements as well as some of the recurring rates.

The tariff also eliminates those central office-based MLCS and LG 1.544 Mbps channelization elements having no demand (no customers). These elements consist of capacities exceeding 672 voice equivalents.

The Company indicates that the customer impact of this filing will depend upon the Basic System Capacity size and the number of Feature Activations in use. An example of an illustrative month-to-month customer with 22 out of 24 voice equivalent channels activated on a central office basic system illustrates rate comparisons as follows:

<u>Central Office</u>	Demand	Current Mo. Rate	Proposed Mo. Rate	Current Bill	Proposed Bill
Basic System Capacity	1	\$250.00	\$210.00	\$250.00	\$210.00
Feature Activations (Trunks)	15	7.00	6.50	105.00	97.50
Foreign Exchange Trunk	6	9.00	6.50	54.00	39.00
ESSX Station Line	1	7.00	6.50	<u>7.00</u>	<u>6.50</u>
			MONTHLY TOTAL	\$416.00	\$353.00

The nonrecurring charges for the illustrated customer will decline from \$750.00 to \$225.00 for the Basic System Capacity installation. Feature Activation charges also decline significantly.

The Company's proposal is part of SBT's efforts to provide customers with similar rate levels and structures for like services whenever possible. For example, the central office rate (\$210.00) for the 24 voice equivalent Basic System Capacity is the rate

proposed to achieve parity with the equivalent DS1 Basic Channelization System in the proposed Access Multiplexer Restructure in Docket No. 920595-TL and the recently FCC-approved tariff to restructure the equivalent interstate access tariff. SBT believes the standardization of rates and structures will eliminate "tariff shopping" and a source of irritation to customers who have recognized the disparity in rates for like services in the various tariffs. Additionally, competition from Alternate Access Vendors (AAVs) will provide some customers with an alternative to SBT's Private Line offerings.

The estimated revenue impact of this filing is (\$861,095) based upon a decrease from current annual revenue of \$5,569,453 to a projected revenue of \$4,708,358. The decrease is a result of \$635,795 in reduced nonrecurring charges and \$225,300 in recurring charges. Although the proposed rates result in a decrease in annual revenues, contribution continues to be significant.

Therefore, for the above cited reasons, we find it appropriate to approve Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's tariff proposal as outlined in the body of this Order. Further, this tariff proposal shall have an effective date of January 16, 1993.

Therefore, based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. d/b/a SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY's tariff revisions to its Private Line Service Tariff are hereby approved to the extent outlined in the body of this order. It is further

ORDERED that the effective date of this tariff shall be January 16, 1993. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirements 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 requirements set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 21st
day of December, 1992.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Flynn
Chief, Bureau of Records

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.

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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 January 11, 1993.

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.