

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Comprehensive review of) DOCKET NO. 920260-TL
the revenue requirements and)
rate stabilization plan of)
SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND)
TELEGRAPH COMPANY.)
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In Re: Show cause proceedings) DOCKET NO. 900960-TL
against SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE)
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for)
misbilling customers.)
_____)
In Re: Petition on behalf of) DOCKET NO. 910163-TL
Citizens of the State of Florida)
to initiate investigation into)
integrity of SOUTHERN BELL)
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH)
COMPANY'S repair service)
activities and reports.)
_____)
In Re: Investigation into) DOCKET NO. 910727-TL
SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND) ORDER NO. PSC-93-0413-CFO-TL
TELEGRAPH COMPANY's compliance) ISSUED: 03/17/93
with Rule 25-4.110(2), F.A.C.,)
Rebates.)
_____)

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL
TREATMENT OF DOCUMENT NO. 13249-92

On November 10, 1992, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed a Request for Confidential Treatment of material provided in the Company's Minimum Filing Requirement (MFR) revisions submitted in response to deficiencies. The material has been assigned Document No. 13249-92 by the Commission.

The Request encompasses feature-specific costs associated with universal service order codes for ESSX service found in Schedule E1A of the filing. The Company contends that confidential treatment of the feature-specific unit cost information is consistent with ESSX feature costs previously found to be confidential as set forth in Order No. 24256, issued in Docket No. 881257-TL, on March 20, 1991. The Company asserts that disclosure of the material at issue would cause it competitive harm. Thus, Southern Bell argues that the information should be exempted from the inspection and examination provisions of Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, pursuant to 364.183(3)(e), Florida Statutes.

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Florida law provides, in Section 119.01, Florida Statutes, that documents submitted to governmental agencies shall be public records. This law derives from the concept that government should operate in the "sunshine." The only exceptions to this law are specific statutory exemptions and exemptions granted by governmental agencies pursuant to the specific terms of a statutory provision.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, it is the Company's burden to show that the material submitted is qualified for specified confidential classification. Rule 25-22.006 provides that the Company may fulfill its burden by demonstrating that the documents fall into one of the statutory examples set forth in Section 364.183 or by demonstrating that the information is proprietary confidential information, the disclosure of which will cause the Company or its ratepayers harm.

Upon review, the material is found to be as purported by the Company. Disclosure of the cost data would cause the Company competitive harm if disclosed to Southern Bell's competitors which include Private Branch Exchange (PBX) system and key systems providers. Thus, the material is found to be proprietary confidential business information pursuant to Section 364.183, which is exempt from the inspection and examination provisions of the Public Records Act. Therefore, the Company's November 10, 1992, Request for Confidential Treatment of Document 13249-92 is granted.

It is noted that, in its line by line justification for confidential treatment, the Company references switched access services. However, this information was not included in the instant document and has been submitted with another Request for Confidential Treatment which will be addressed in a separate order.

Based upon the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Susan F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's November 10, 1992 Request for Confidential Treatment of Document No. 13249-92 is granted. It is further

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ORDERED that pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, any confidentiality granted to the documents specified herein shall expire eighteen (18) months from the date of issuance of this Order in the absence of a renewed request for confidentiality pursuant to Section 364.183. It is further

ORDERED that this Order will be the only notification by the Commission to the parties concerning the expiration of the confidentiality time period.

By ORDER of Commissioner Susan F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, this 17th day of March, 1993.



SUSAN F. CLARK, Commissioner and
Prehearing Officer

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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 this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.038(2), Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2)

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reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) 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 wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.