

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Proposed tariff filing) DOCKET NO. 930522-TL
to revise Derived Data Channel) ORDER NO. PSC-93-1118-FOF-TL
Services by BELLSOUTH) ISSUED: August 2, 1993
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. d/b/a)
SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND)
TELEGRAPH COMPANY)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman
SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 24, 1993, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed tariff revisions proposing to make changes to Derived Data Channel Service. Derived Data Channel service provides data transport capabilities utilizing data over voice and subrate multiplexing technology. A Derived Data Channel is provided between a customer's premises and that customer's serving central office. A subrate multiplexed interface (DSO-B Interface) is provided in the serving central office for multiplexing multiple Derived Data Channels into a single interface. A Transport Facility is provided for interconnection of the DSO-B Interface to a Company provided data service or to data services provided by others.

This filing proposes the following revisions: the addition of optional contract payment plans; the restructure of the DSO-B Transport Facility rate element; combining the service ordering charges and nonrecurring charges.

1. Optional Contract Payment Plans - A customer who desires a longer contract than the current month-to-month arrangement can now choose between two extended contracts. The contract payment plans are for 24 to 42 months and 43 to 60 months. The proposed rates for the contracts are lower than the month-to-month option, but still provide substantial contribution. A termination liability equal to the number of months

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remaining in the contract times the monthly rate will apply to early disconnects from either contract.

2. DSO-B Transport Facility Rate Element - The DSO-B Transport Facility rate element is currently made up of two components: the access facility and the interoffice facility. The access facility is applicable to all subscribers while the interoffice facility is applicable only to subscribers not being served by a Derived Data Channel services central office (CO). Under the existing rate structure, some customers have to pay more for transport because of where they are located.

The proposed changes would eliminate the interoffice mileage charge to existing customers as well as to new subscribers. Even with the elimination of mileage charges, the proposed rate provides a substantial contribution over cost.

3. Combining Service Ordering Charges with the Nonrecurring Charges - The service ordering and nonrecurring charges associated with the Derived Data Channel and the DSO-B Interface have separate rate elements in the current tariff. With this filing, the service ordering charges for the Derived Data Channel and the DSO-B Interface will be combined with their respective nonrecurring charges. This change will simplify the tariff for the customer and reduce the costs associated with ordering and billing.

We believe that Southern Bell's tariff filing is appropriate. These revisions should make the service more attractive to a wider range of customers. Accordingly, we hereby approve the tariff as filed, effective July 20, 1993.

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 to revise Derived Data Channel service is hereby approved, effective July 20, 1993. 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

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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 2nd day of August, 1993.



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 August 23, 1993.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

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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.