

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 940250-TL
tariff filing to eliminate) ORDER NO. PSC-94-0551-FOF-TL
charges for optional billing) ISSUED: May 11, 1994
service for Customized Large)
User Bill (CLUB) subscribers by)
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)
INC. d/b/a SOUTHERN BELL)
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY)
(T-94-122 FILED 3/3/94)
_____)

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 3, 1994, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or Company) filed a tariff to eliminate charges for the optional billing service for Customized Large User Bill (CLUB) subscribers, with a requested effective date of May 2, 1994. The purpose of this filing was to eliminate the charges for providing the Universal Service Order Code (USOC) Summary Option for CLUB customers. Current charges for USOC are \$3.00 on a recurring monthly basis or a one-time charge of \$145.00 on a per request basis.

The USOC Summary Option was initiated in June 1987. It was designed to accommodate the needs of business customers who have very large and complex telephone bills. The CLUB service bill is provided on 8 1/2" x 11" paper which includes directory assistance detail and itemization of collect and international calls under separate categories. The service also includes sorting, sequencing, page break, tax summary and itemized call summary.

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The tariffed service is no longer necessary because itemized billing information became available to all customers in January 1993. This negates the requirement for CLUB customers to pay a separate charge for the same information that is provided under the USOC Summary Option.

The elimination of the tariff charges will result in a revenue decrease of \$15,778 from the 630 subscribers. Southern Bell indicates there are some cost savings associated with not billing for the service, however, it is presumed to be a relatively small amount and resources were not expended to quantify the amount.

The Company's January 1993 decision to offer itemized billing on a monthly basis exceeds the Rule 25-4.110 (1) (b) requirement for annual bills, thus the CLUB subscribers should benefit from the itemized billing at no extra charge.

Upon consideration, we find it appropriate to approve the tariff.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's tariff filing to eliminate charges for the optional billing service for CLUB subscribers is approved, with an effective date of May 2, 1994. 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.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 11th day of May, 1994.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

by: Kay Helgen
Chief, Bureau of Records

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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 June 1, 1994.

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.