

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 950757-TL
tariff filing to discontinue) ORDER NO. PSC-95-1122-FOF-TL
Bellboy Paging Service by) ISSUED: September 6, 1995
BellSouth Telecommunications,)
Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell)
Telephone and Telegraph Company.)
(T-95-377 filed 6/23/95))
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
JOE GARCIA
JULIA L. JOHNSON
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 23, 1995, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed a revision to its General Subscriber Service Tariff Section A28 to discontinue Bellboy paging service. Bellboy paging service is a one-way signaling arrangement which is activated from any telephone connected to the exchange network through a base station to a personal signaling receiver (pocket receiver). This system is marketed and administered by an agent who is authorized by the Company.

Bellboy paging service is available in Jacksonville, Orlando, and Miami. There are approximately 3,200 Bellboy service pagers working in these areas. However, due to increased competition, subscribers in these areas have steadily declined. Without significant investment to upgrade its system, the Company believes this decline will continue. On March 30, 1994, Order No. PSC-95-0373-FOF-TC was issued granting Southern Bell's request to discontinue Bellboy paging services in Daytona Beach, Gainesville, Panama City, and Pensacola. In these four areas there was only one subscriber.

Southern Bell has negotiated the sale of the remaining paging systems to Preferred Networks. Preferred Networks has signed an

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asset purchase agreement for the three remaining systems. According to the terms of the purchase agreement, Preferred Networks has agreed to use Southern Bell's paging agent in these locations. The Company believes this transition should be transparent to the customer since Preferred Networks will continue to use Southern Bell's agent. The agent renders all billing to the customers as well as handles any customer inquiries regarding service.

At closing, which the Company anticipates will be the effective date of this tariff, the physical assets which are used exclusively for the provisioning of paging business in the paging system to be sold, will become the property of the buyer and will be retired from the Company's books.

We believe that Southern Bell's proposed tariff filing to discontinue Bellboy paging service due to declining subscribers and the significant investment needed to upgrade its current system is appropriate. It does not appear that any customer will be harmed nor inconvenienced by this change since the paging agent will remain the same and alternative paging services are available.

Therefore, we find that the proposed tariff filing to discontinue Bellboy paging service by Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company is approved, effective August 22, 1995.

Based on the foregoing, it is

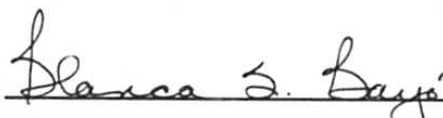
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the proposed tariff filing to discontinue Bellboy paging service by Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company is approved, effective August 22, 1995.

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

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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 6th day of September, 1995.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, 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, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on September 27, 1995.

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

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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.