

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application to amortize) DOCKET NO. 950506-TL
depreciation reserve imbalance) ORDER NO. PSC-96-0318-FOF-TL
and to change depreciation rates) ISSUED: March 4, 1996
and schedules by BellSouth)
Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a)
Southern Bell Telephone and)
Telegraph Company.)
_____)

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 CLOSING DOCKET

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 1, 1995, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell) filed a depreciation study in accordance with Rule 25-4.0175, Florida Administrative Code, along with its application to amortize a depreciation reserve imbalance and change depreciation rates and schedules. Southern Bell proposed that its new depreciation rates be effective as of January 1, 1995.

Under Section 364.051(1)(a), Florida Statutes, which became effective on July 1, 1995, local exchange companies with 100,000 or more access lines in service as of July 1, 1995, may elect "to be under price regulation effective January 1, 1996, or when an alternative local exchange company is certificated to provide local exchange services in its service territory, whichever is later." Southern Bell, a local exchange company with 100,000 or more access lines in service as of July 1, 1995, filed its election to be price regulated effective January 1, 1996, on November 1, 1995.

Pursuant to Section 364.051(1)(c), Florida Statutes, also effective July 1, 1995, local exchange companies who elect price regulation are exempt from most forms of earnings oversight. Further, under Section 364.385(3), Florida Statutes, which applies solely to Southern Bell, the provisions of Order No. PSC-94-0172-FOF-TL, issued February 11, 1994, remain in effect and the

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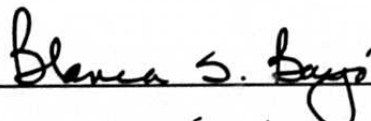
depreciation rates in effect on December 31, 1994, are to be used to calculate the earnings available for sharing for periods prior to January 1, 1998.

Based upon the foregoing, no further action is required in this docket. Accordingly, it is closed.

It is therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Docket No. 950506-TL is closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 4th day of March, 1996.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Blanca S. Bayó", is written over a horizontal line.

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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) 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 and/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 after the issuance of this order, 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.