

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Resolution by Dixie) DOCKET NO. 950702-TL
County Commission for extended) ORDER NO. PSC-97-0071-FOF-TL
area service (EAS) between Cross) ISSUED: January 22, 1997
City and Old Town exchanges; and)
EAS from Cross City and Old Town)
exchanges to Gainesville)
exchange.)

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

FINAL ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

This docket was initiated pursuant to Resolution No. 95-17 filed on April 24, 1995, by the Dixie County Board of Commissioners requesting extended area service (EAS) from the Cross City exchange to the Chiefland, Trenton, and Gainesville exchanges and from the Old Town exchange to the Chiefland, Trenton, and Gainesville exchanges. These exchanges are served by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth or the Company) and are located in the Gainesville local access and transport area (LATA).

We note that in a previous case we approved extended calling service (ECS) for the Old Town/Chiefland route by Order No. PSC-95-1391-FOF-TL, issued November 8, 1995, in Docket No. 920260-TL (BellSouth Rate Case). In that Order, we also ordered BellSouth to conduct traffic studies on the Old Town/Gainesville and Cross City/Gainesville routes.

By Order No. PSC-96-0619-FOF-TL, issued in this docket, on May 8, 1996, we determined that none of the routes studied qualify for a survey for nonoptional flat rate, two-way extended area service. In addition, we found that alternative toll plans should not be offered on these routes. On May 29, 1996, Dixie County protested Order No. PSC-96-0619-FOF-TL and requested a formal hearing.

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The parties entered into negotiations, and on October 14, 1996, Dixie County Board of Commissioners (the Board), BellSouth, and the Office of Public Counsel (Citizens) filed a Stipulation and Agreement to resolve all of the disputed issues in this docket. (Attachment A). Based on the substantial community of interests between Cross City and Old Town, and between Gainesville, Trenton and Chiefland, BellSouth agrees to implement Extended Calling Service (ECS). The agreement is summarized below.

- (1) Within six months of the receipt of the final order in this docket, BellSouth will implement ECS on the following routes in Dixie and Alachua Counties:

Cross City/Gainesville

Cross City/Trenton*

Cross City/Chiefland*

Old Town/Gainesville

Old Town/Trenton*

*In Section A3.3.1, Local Calling Areas, in BellSouth's tariff, the Area Plus Service (APS) optional service will be deleted and ECS will be added on these routes.

- (2) ECS will be implemented under the following terms:

- a. Residential customers shall pay \$.25 per call regardless of duration.
- b. Business calls shall be rated at \$.10 for the first minute and \$.06 for each additional minute.

(We note here that while \$.05 was indicated in the stipulation as the rate for each additional minute, all of the parties have agreed that the correct rate is \$.06. Thus, we approve \$.06 as the appropriate rate for each additional minute).

- c. Pay telephone providers shall charge end users no more than \$.25 per ECS call and pay the standard interconnection charge.
- d. IXCs may continue to carry the same types of traffic on these routes that they are now authorized to carry.

- (3) ECS calls will be dialed on a 1 + 10 digit (1 + NPA + NXX-XXXX) basis.
- (4) One free directory for the ECS areas will be made available to each customer upon request.

Under the agreement, ECS will be offered under terms and conditions similar to those we have approved in other dockets. We believe that ECS will provide toll relief to the customers who desire the service without any economic impact on the customers who do not need the service.

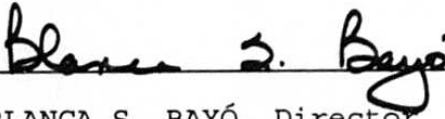
Based on the foregoing, we approve the Stipulation and Agreement filed by the Dixie County Board of Commissioners, the Office of Public Counsel, and BellSouth.

It is therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Stipulation and Agreement filed by the Dixie County Board of Commissioners, the Office of Public Counsel, and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. is approved to the extent set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this docket be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 22nd day of January, 1997.



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 120.569(1), 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.

ATTACHMENT A
BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Resolution by Dixie County)
Commission for Extended Area)
Service (EAS) between Cross City)
and Old Town exchanges; and EAS)
from Cross City and Old Town)
exchanges to Gainesville exchange.)

Docket No. 950702-TL

Filed: October 14, 1996

STIPULATION and AGREEMENT

The within named parties, the Dixie County Board of Commissioners (the board); BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth); and the Office of Public Counsel (Citizens) do hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

1. This stipulation is intended to resolve all issues presented in this docket.
2. Based on the substantial community of interests between and among Cross City and Old Town, and between Gainesville, Trenton and Chiefland, BellSouth will, within six months of the receipt of the final order in this docket, furnish Extended Calling Service (ECS) on the existing toll routes, described as follows:

Cross City/Gainesville

Cross City/Trenton

Cross City/Chiefland

Old Town/Gainesville

Old Town/Trenton

3. BellSouth shall file tariffs with the Florida Public Service Commission in order to accomplish the implementation of ECS on the above routes including the following terms.
 - ▶ Residential customers shall pay \$.25 per call regardless of duration.
 - ▶ Business calls shall be rated at \$.10 for the first minute and \$.05 for each additional minute.
 - ▶ When implemented, pay telephone providers will charge end users no more than \$.25 per ECS call and pay the standard interconnection charge.
 - ▶ IXCs may continue to carry the same types of traffic on this route that they are now authorized to carry.
4. ECS calls will be dialed on a 1 + 10 digit (1 + NPA + NXX-XXXX) basis.
5. The Dixie County Board of Commissioners accepts this stipulation in full settlement of their application to the Florida PSC requesting Extended Area Service countywide within Dixie County.
6. One free directory for the ECS areas will be made available per customer upon request.
7. This Stipulation shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Florida. This Stipulation is null and void unless it is accepted and approved by the Commission in its entirety.

8. Each of the undersigned persons has full authority to represent and bind their indicated principals.

OFFICE OF THE FLORIDA PUBLIC COUNSEL

By: Jack Shreve DATE: 10-4-96

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: Howard M. Burt DATE: 10-10-96
Its Counsel of Record

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: Nancy H. Sims DATE: 10-8-96