

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: TARIFF PROPOSAL BY SOUTHERN BELL) DOCKET NO. 890885-TL
 TELEPHONE COMPANY TO INCORPORATE CLAY) ORDER NO. 21830
 COUNTY INTERIM FOREIGN EXCHANGE AREA INTO) ISSUED: 9-5-89
 GREEN COVE SPRINGS)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHAEL McK. WILSON, Chairman
 THOMAS M. BEARD
 GERALD L. GUNTER
 JOHN T. HERNDON

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

Southern Bell filed a tariff on June 22, 1989, proposing to incorporate the Clay County Interim Foreign Exchange (IFX) into the Green Cove Springs exchange. This area is within Southern Bell's territory. It was previously uninhabited; however, it is now beginning to experience growth. The area is sparsely populated as is evidenced by only eleven customers. The entire area is expected to remain agricultural and rural with a small amount of growth.

The purpose of the Interim Foreign Exchange (IFX) is to enable customers who are located in rural remote areas to have telephone service until the area becomes populated enough to create enough demand for service to induce a telephone company to invest resources to supply the service. To compensate for the cost of providing the IFX service, the Commission approved a method to serve these customers by dividing the remote area into zones similar to those used for zone charges. The customers pay the applicable monthly rate for local service plus an additional amount ranging from \$2.75 to \$16.90 depending on the zone in which they are located.

Currently, there are several other existing IFX areas. It is anticipated that these IFX areas will be incorporated into a contiguous exchange as growth and development of these areas warrant.

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With the elimination of the IFX, the customers will only pay the local service rate for the Green Cove Springs exchange, from which they currently receive service. Southern Bell states that it will experience an annual revenue loss of \$1,107.60.

Since the eleven customers will continue to be served out of the Green Cove Springs exchange, there will be no change in the calling scope for the customers.

The elimination of IFX in this region would benefit the customers by substantially reducing their monthly rates. Therefore, we find it appropriate to approve Southern Bell's request to incorporate the Clay County IFX into the Green Cove Springs exchange.

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that Southern Bell's tariff filing to incorporate the Clay County Interim Foreign Exchange (IFX) area into the Green Cove Springs exchange is approved effective August 21, 1989. It is further

ORDERED that this docket is closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission,
this 5th day of September, 1989.



STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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