

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff filing by)
SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH)
COMPANY clarifying when a nonpublished)
number can be disclosed and introducing)
Caller ID to TouchStar Service)
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STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. 23445, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

- A. All Known Witnesses: Staff does not intend to sponsor a witness at this time.
- B. All Known Exhibits: Staff has not yet identified a tentative list of exhibits which it intends to utilize in this proceeding. Staff will supply a tentative list of such exhibits at or prior to the Prehearing Conference.
- C. Staff's Statement of Basic Position:
None pending discovery.
- D.-G. Staff's Position on the Issues:

ISSUE 1: (Informational) For the purposes of this docket, what is the definition of Caller ID?

STAFF'S POSITION: Caller ID, for the purposes of this docket, is any of the services under the BellCore category of Custom Local Area Signalling Services (CLASS) that provide the calling party's exchange number or other identification to the called party. The services include, but are not necessarily limited to, Caller IDSM, Bulk Calling Line Identification, etc. Caller ID is not synonymous with Automatic Number Identification (ANI). ANI is a separate technology which also allows calling party information to be passed through the telecommunications network.

ISSUE 2: [LEGAL] Is Caller ID a trap and trace device as described in Chapter 934, Florida Statutes?

STAFF'S POSITION: Staff takes no position at this time, pending submission and analysis of the parties' post-hearing briefs.

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ISSUE 3: [LEGAL] Does Caller ID violate any federal laws or any laws of the State of Florida?

STAFF'S POSITION: Staff takes no position at this time, pending submission and analysis of the parties' post-hearing briefs.

ISSUE 4: [LEGAL] Does Caller ID violate Florida's Constitution?

STAFF'S POSITION: Staff takes no position at this time, pending submission and analysis of the parties' post-hearing briefs.

ISSUE 5: What are the benefits and detriments to Florida's consumers of Caller ID services?

STAFF'S POSITION: Caller ID is expected to significantly reduce obscene, harrassing, and annoying telephone calls. It is also expected to facilitate business transactions conducted over the telecommunications network. Caller ID's detriments could include the difficulty or inability for entities wishing to legitimately retain their anonymity to use the telephone network. Caller ID could also provide yet another avenue for mass marketing entities to gather information on customers for future solicitation.

ISSUE 6: Are there any existing CLASS services (e.g., Call Trace, Call Return, Call Block, etc.) that have similar functions and/or benefits as Caller ID; if so, what are their detriments? Is their rate structure appropriate?

STAFF'S POSITION: No position pending further discovery.

ISSUE 7: What effect will Caller ID have on nonpublished and unlisted subscribers?

STAFF'S POSITION: No position pending further discovery.

ISSUE 8: What alternatives to Caller ID blocking are available and do they sufficiently protect customers' anonymity?

STAFF'S POSITION: RingMaster service, operator assisted calls, credit card calls, Outward Only service, pay telephones, answering services, and cellular telephones are all alternatives to Caller ID blocking. They all provide varying degrees of protection for the calling party; staff has no position as to whether the protection

is sufficient pending further discovery.

ISSUE 9: Should the Commission allow or require the blocking of Caller ID? If so, to whom and under what rates, terms, and conditions?

STAFF'S POSITION: No position pending further discovery.

ISSUE 10: What special arrangements, if any, should be made regarding Caller ID for law enforcement operations and personnel?

STAFF'S POSITION: No position pending further discovery.

ISSUE 11: What special arrangements, if any, should be made regarding Caller ID for any other group or groups?

STAFF'S POSITION: No position pending further discovery.

ISSUE 12: Is Caller ID in the public interest?

STAFF'S POSITION: Yes, Caller ID is in the public interest, with certain restrictions. Staff has no position on the nature of the restrictions or whom those restrictions should benefit pending further discovery.

ISSUE 13: What further action should be taken on Southern Bell's tariff filings introducing Caller ID (T-89-507) and changing the conditions under which nonpublished number information will be divulged (T-90-023)? What should be the effective date of such action?

STAFF'S POSITION: No position pending further discovery.

H. Stipulation

Staff is not aware of any issues that have been stipulated at this time.

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I. Pending Motions:

Staff has no pending motions at this time.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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