

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Proposed tariff filing) DOCKET NO. 930186-TL
to reinstate Interim Foreign) ORDER NO. PSC-93-1020-FOF-TL
Exchange Service by BELLSOUTH) ISSUED: July 12, 1993
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. d/b/a)
SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND)
TELEGRAPH COMPANY)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman
SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 22, 1993, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed revisions to its General Subscriber Service Tariff proposing to reinstate Interim Foreign Exchange Service. Foreign Exchange (FX) service is exchange service furnished to a subscriber from an exchange other than the one from which the subscriber would normally be served. This arrangement allows subscribers to have a local presence and two-way communications in an exchange different from their own.

Interim Foreign Exchange (IFX) service is exchange service furnished to a subscriber location which falls outside of all existing exchange boundaries, but within Southern Bell's service territory. IFX subscribers are typically located in very sparsely populated areas of some distance from the nearest central offices. Southern Bell asserts that any plan to serve these areas prior to actual demand would result in substantial idle plant and facilities, resulting in unnecessary costs to the general ratepayers. The service is initially provided from, or subsequently changed to the exchange and central office that allows the Company to most economically serve the customer on a permanent basis.

FX and IFX services were addressed in the Company's General Subscriber Service Tariff Sections A9.1 - A9.3 prior to the Restructure and Repricing in Docket No. 910612-TL. However, Order

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No. 24850, issued July 25, 1991, clearly addressed only sections A9.1 and A9.2 relating to FX; thus, this filing is necessary to reinstate the Section A9.3 IFX requirements that Southern Bell inadvertently deleted in the previous filing.

The Company indicates there were 26 IFX access lines in service in January, 1993. IFX service was continued after the inadvertent tariff deletion; however, we do not believe that Southern Bell should be penalized for continuing the service in the absence of an approved tariff.

The Company proposed IFX recurring rates range from \$5.65 to \$33.75 per line, plus standard access line charges. There are ten rate groupings called "Regions" which represent distance from an exchange boundary. These rates are identical to those in effect at the time of the inadvertent deletion in February, 1992.

This filing also includes additional revisions which clarify the terms and conditions under which FX service is normally offered. Order No. 24850 specified that the tariff treatment for the dedicated portion of an FX line would align the rates consistent with the treatment accorded the dedicated portions of Private Line Services. The additional FX changes in this filing simply make it clear that such treatment is appropriate, and will not affect existing customers as there are no cost or revenue implications on the Company's operations.

We believe that this tariff filing is appropriate. The IFX service is being reinstated to correct an inadvertent deletion. Additionally, the clarifications to FX service will further define the terms of the tariff. Accordingly, we approve the tariff as filed, effective June 28, 1993.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's tariff to reinstate Interim Foreign Exchange Service, and to clarify the terms and conditions under which Foreign Exchange Service is offered is hereby approved, effective June 28, 1993. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirement set forth below, the tariff shall remain in effect with

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any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no protest is filed in accordance with the requirement set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 12th day of July, 1993.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Flynn
Chief, Bureau of Records

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

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25-22.036(7)(a)(d) and (e), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on August 2, 1993.

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 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.