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**November 22, 1993**

**TO : DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING**

**FROM : DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS [CHASE]**

**DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES [MURPHY]**

**RE : DOCKET NO. 931060-TL - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A TARIFF FILING TO ADD PROVISIONS TO CUSTOMIZED CODE RESTRICTION FOR NEW NON-OPTIONAL EXPANDED LOCAL PLAN SUBSCRIBERS AND TO ALLOW A WAIVER OF NONRECURRING CHARGES AS NEW NON-OPTIONAL EXPANDED LOCAL PLANS ARE INTRODUCED BY BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY. (T-93-595, FILED 10/15/93)**

**AGENDA: DECEMBER 7, 1993 - REGULAR - CONTROVERSIAL - PARTIES MAY PARTICIPATE**

**CRITICAL DATES: 60 DAYS EXPIRES DECEMBER 14, 1993**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: I:\PSC\CMU\WP\931060.RCM**

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**DISCUSSION OF ISSUES**

**ISSUE 1:** Should Southern Bell's proposed tariff filing to add provisions to its Customized Code Restriction service for new non-optional expanded local plan subscribers and to allow a waiver of nonrecurring charges as new non-optional expanded local plans are introduced be approved?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes, Southern Bell's proposed tariff filing to add provisions to its Customized Code Restriction (CCR) service for new non-optional expanded local plan subscribers should be approved. In addition, Southern Bell should be allowed to waive nonrecurring charges to existing CCR subscribers for a period of 60 days after implementation of each new non-optional expanded local plan. The effective date of the tariff, if approved, should be December 14, 1993.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:**

Customized Code Restriction (CCR) service currently provides subscribers with several options to block certain types of calls. Most of the blocking options are to give the subscriber the ability to block calls that incur charges. Two of these options, #1(b) and #3(b), offer blocking of 7-digit dialed calls to the expanded local calling area (Local Calling Plus service only). Local Calling Plus is Southern Bell's term for the $0.25 Plan.

Currently, customers who want to block chargeable calls and who do not have an expanded local calling plan such as the $0.25 Plan would subscribe to CCR Option #1(a) or #3(a). If customers do have an expanded local calling plan and want to block other chargeable calls as well, then Option #1(b) or #3(b) is available.

Southern Bell filed this tariff in order to accommodate new local calling plans which may be filed at a later date. The proposed tariff changes the existing tariff to reflect blocking of all non-optional expanded local plans that may be added instead of listing plans individually as they are added. Southern Bell also proposes that as new non-optional expanded local plans are introduced, **existing** CCR customers will be able to convert to Option #1(b) or #3(b) without incurring a nonrecurring charge, for a period of 60 days after implementation of a new expanded local calling plan. The table below explains the options affected by this filing.

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| **AFFECTED CUSTOMIZED CODE RESTRICTION OPTIONS** | |
| **Option #1(a)**  Restricted Codes:  Operator 0-  Operator 0+  DDD 1+  1+900  1+555-1212  1+NPA-555-1212  411  976  1+976  440(PulseLink Access)  Open Talk  IDDD 01  IDDD 011+  N11 Service (211,311,511,711,811) | **Option #3(a)**  Restricted Codes:  Operator 0-  Operator 0+  DDD 1+  1+900  1+555-1212  1+NPA-555-1212  IDDD 01  IDDD 011+ |
| **Option #1(b)**  Same as option #1(a) except it also restricts calls to the expanded local calling area | **Option #3(b)**  Same as option #3(a) except it also restricts calls to the expanded local calling area |

Existing customers will not be impacted by this filing because the proposed tariff allows them to switch CCR options without incurring a nonrecurring charge, for a period of 60 days after implementation of a new expanded local calling plan. When new expanded local plans are introduced, Southern Bell states that notices of the nonrecurring charge waiver will be included in the information sent out about the new expanded local calling plans.

Staff recommends that Southern Bell's proposed tariff filing

should be approved in order to accommodate new local calling plans that might be introduced in the future. Southern Bell has filed an alternative local calling plan in its rate case, Docket No. 920260-TL, and if approved, it would not be covered by the existing CCR tariff. The addition of the generic language in the! proposed tariff would allow Southern Bell's proposed plan in its rate case to be covered under the CCR tariff without filing additional tariff revisions.

Also, by changing the CCR tariff to cover all non-optional expanded local call plans, tariff revisions for each new plan will not be necessary in the future. Staff also recommends that the waiver of the nonrecurring charge for existing customers that wish to change to Option #1(b) or #3(b) for a period of 60 days after implementation of new expanded local calling plans should be approved. The effective date of the tariff, if approved, should be December 14, 1993.

**ISSUE 2:** Should Docket No. 931060-TL be closed?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes, with the adoption of staff's recommendation in Issue 1, the tariff, should become effective December 14, 1993. If a protest is filed, the tariff should remain in effect with any increase held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket should be closed.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** If no timely protest is filed, this docket should be closed.