# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FLETCHER BUILDING 101 EAST GAINES STREET TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0850

## MENORANDUM

## April 6, 1995

DIRECTOR OF RECORDS AND REPORTING TO

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS [CHASE] FROM :

DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES [CANSANC]

RE DOCKET NO. 941281-TL - EAS - PETITION BY SUBSCRIBERS OF

> THE GROVELAND EXCHANGE FOR EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (EAS) TO THE ORLANDO, WINTER GARDEN, AND WINDERNERE EXCHANGES.

AGENDA: APRIL 18, 1995 - PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION - INTERESTED

PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NOME

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: I:PSC\CMU\WP\941281.RCM

#### CASE BACKGROUND

On March 10, 1995, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell) filed a Motion for Modification of Order No. PSC-95-0080-PCO-TL, issued January 17, 1995. The Order directed the Company to perform traffic studies on specific interLATA routes. Southern Bell has asked for relief on the interLATA routes stating that it no longer has the data necessary to complete the traffic studies.

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## DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should Southern Bell's Motion for Modification of Order No. PSC-95-0080-PCO-TL be granted?

**RECONNEXDATION:** Yes, Southern Bell's Motion for Modification of Order No. PSC-95-0080-PCO-TL should be granted, and the Company relieved of the requirements to file traffic data on the interLATA routes.

STAFF ANALYSIS: Southern Bell has filed a Motion for Modification of Order No. PSC-95-0080-PCO-TL seeking relief from filing traffic studies on its interLATA routes from the Groveland exchange to the Orlando, Winter Garden, and Windermere exchanges. As Southern Bell stated in its Motion, AT&T has "taken back" certain of the end user billing activities that Southern Bell formerly performed. AT&T now performs all rating and recording functions associated with its traffic. In addition, AT&T has assumed billing for an estimated 60% of the business accounts. This transfer of functions means that Southern Bell no longer has access to all the interLATA data necessary to compile the traffic studies the Commission has requested. The information that Southern Bell does have available would not reflect the true calling rates or distribution on a route.

At the August 3, 1993 agenda, the Commission granted Southern Bell's Motion for Modification of Order No. PSC-93-0039-PCO-TL (Docket No. 921193-TL - Palm Beach Countywide EAS) based on the same argument. The Commission further decided to use the workshop process to determine how this interLATA data ought to be gathered.

Staff recommends that Southern Bell's Motion for Modification of Order No. PSC-95-0080-PCO-TL be granted. In cases like these, the majority of the calling is in the direction from the smaller exchanges to the larger exchanges because the smaller exchange is the one with the community of interest to the larger exchange. Based past traffic studies, staff has found that a route has never qualified for flat rate EAS from the larger exchange to the smaller exchange. Most of the traffic on the routes in this docket will be from United's exchanges (Groveland, Winter Garden, and Windermere) to Southern Bell's Orlando exchange. Therefore, Southern Bell's tariff information is not necessary to study these routes.

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ISSUE 2: Should Docket No. 941281-TL be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: No. This docket should remain open to evaluate United's portion of the tariff studies.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** This docket should remain open to evaluate United's portion of the tariff studies.

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