

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of ) DOCKET NO. 950547-TL  
tariff filing to add an ) ORDER NO. PSC-95-0764-FOF-TL  
additional option to Selective ) ISSUED: June 26, 1995  
Class of Call Screening by )  
BellSouth Telecommunications, )  
Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell )  
Telephone and Telegraph Company )  
(T-95-215, filed 4/3/95) )  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK, Chairman  
J. TERRY DEASON  
JOE GARCIA  
JULIA L. JOHNSON  
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER APPROVING REVISION TO SELECTIVE  
CLASS OF CALL SCREENING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 3, 1995, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell) filed a proposed tariff to add an additional option to selective class of call screening service. The new plan will offer customers who reside in areas with nonoptional calling plans, such as the \$.25 plan, the option of blocking \$.25 calls, as well as all 1+ dialed calls including, but not limited to, 976 and 900 service calls.

The purpose of Southern Bell's tariff is to add blocking and screening service for nonoptional calling plans (\$.25 plan) to the usage rated portions of their expanded local calling area in conjunction with the existing blocking options in the selective class of call screening service. Currently, customers can purchase an option to block 1+, 10XXX1+, 101XXX1+, 976 and 900 service calls. This tariff will give customers an additional option to block calls to expanded calling areas as well. Selective class of call screening service is available to residential, business, PBX and ESSX customers.

Although this tariff will allow the blocking of local traffic for which there is no flat rate option, there does appear to be a

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valid need for blocking local calls to message- or usage-rated areas. In the past, local traffic was flat rated and any usage-sensitive local calling was optional. Since there were no charges associated with local calls, there was no need to block them. With the implementation of nonoptional \$.25 plans, there are now charges associated with each call. Except in a few cases where a flat rate outgoing option was retained from an earlier calling plan, there is no way for a customer to control the \$.25 plan calls.

The primary difference between selective class of call screening service blocking and custom code restrictions service is that subscribers to selective class of call screening service can still make a 0- or 0+ call, whereas custom code restriction allows a customer to block access to all chargeable calls, including 0- and 0+. For example, if a hotel subscribes to the proposed service and blocks 7-digit access to an expanded calling area, the customer can still complete the call by dialing 0- or 0+.

Southern Bell states that there is no separate rate for this service since it is being offered in conjunction with existing blocking options in its selective class of call screening service tariff. The same monthly rate will apply regardless of whether the customer chooses blocking of 1+, 10XXX1+, 101XXX1+, 976 and 900 service calls, with or without blocking and screening service for nonoptional plans (\$.25 plan) to the usage-rated portions of an expanded local calling area. A nonrecurring secondary service charge is applicable to new customers.

Since this tariff was filed in response to customer demand and does not increase the existing monthly rate for selective class of call screening, Southern Bell's proposed revision to add blocking and screening for nonoptional calling plans, such as the \$.25 plan, to its selective class of call screening tariff, in conjunction with other 1+ dialed calls, is approved, effective June 1, 1995.

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 proposed revision to add blocking and screening for nonoptional calling plans, such as the \$.25 plan, to its selective class of call screening tariff, in conjunction with other 1+ dialed calls including, but not limited to, 976 and 900 service calls, is approved, effective June 1, 1995.

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

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with 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 requirements set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 26th day of June, 1995.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

by: Kay Flynn  
Chief, Bureau of Records

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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 25-22.036(7)(a)(d) and (e), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on July 17, 1995.

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.