

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Comprehensive Review of)
the Revenue requirements and Rate)
Stabilization Plan of Southern)
Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company)

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**THE FLORIDA INTEREXCHANGE CARRIERS
ASSOCIATIONS' PREHEARING STATEMENT**

The Florida Interexchange Carriers Association (FIXCA), pursuant to Order No. PSC-95-0642-PCO-TL files its Prehearing Statement.

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On Behalf of the Florida Interexchange Carriers Association.

B. WITNESSES:

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
Joseph P. Gillan	Southern Bell's proposed ECS plan	1-4

C. EXHIBITS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION:

The Florida Interexchange Carriers Association's Statement of Basic Position:

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It has been, and should continue to be, the policy of this Commission to expand competition in the state, not to close markets that are currently open to competition. This is especially true in light of the recently enacted telecommunications legislation, which has as its primary objective the expansion of competition in all areas of the telecommunications industry.

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Southern Bell's proposed ECS service is an anticompetitive service which fails to meet the requirements of the new telecommunications law. Therefore, it cannot be approved in its as proposed by Southern Bell. If the Commission decides to approve

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the ECS proposal, it must ensure that the service covers costs pursuant to the new statute's imputation requirements, it must provide for the wholesale resale of ECS-like services and it must provide for an interconnection rate for IXCs. Only then will such a service meet the new statutory requirements and foster the legislature's and the Commission's pro-competitive policies.

E. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITION:

1. ISSUE: Which of the following proposals to dispose of \$25 million of Southern Bell's revenues for 1995 should be approved?

a) SBT's proposal to implement the Extended Calling Service (ECS) plan pursuant to the tariff filed on May 15, 1995. (T-95-304)

b) CWA's proposal to reduce each of the following by \$5 million:

1. Basic "lifeline" senior citizens telephone service;
2. Basic residential telephone service;
3. Basic telephone service to any non-profit organization with 501(c) tax exempt status;
4. Basic telephone service of any public school, community college and state university;
5. Basic telephone service of any qualified disabled ratepayer.

c) McCaw's and FMCA's proposal that a portion be used, if necessary, to implement the decisions rendered in DN 940235-TL.

d) Any other plan deemed appropriate by the Commission.

FIXCA: No position at this time.

2. ISSUE: If the Southern Bell proposal is approved, should the Commission allow competition on all Extended Service Calling routes? If so, what additional action, if any, should the Commission take?

FIXCA: Yes. If the Commission approves the Southern Bell ECS plan, it must ensure that competition continues on these routes. The Commission must take action to ensure, as the new statute requires, that ECS cover costs, that there be an interconnection rate for IXCs, and that a wholesale ECS-like service be available for resale. (Gillan)

3. ISSUE: When should tariffs be filed and what should be the effective date?

FIXCA: No position at this time.

4. ISSUE: Should this docket be closed?

FIXCA: No, the Commission should keep this docket open to evaluate any tariffs Southern Bell is required to file to ensure they comply with the Commission's directions.
(Gillan)

F. STIPULATED ISSUES:

None at this time.

G. PENDING MOTIONS:

FIXCA has no pending motions.

H. OTHER MATTERS:

None at this time.


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