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RESOLUTION NO. 95R-167

A RESOLUTION BY THE LAUDERHILL CITY COMMISSION RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES; REQUESTING THAT THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION NOT ADOPT ITS STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ONLY THIRTY-FIVE (35) OF THE TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT (288) TWENTY-FIVE CENT (\$.25) FLAT CALLING RATE TELEPHONE ROUTES PROPOSED BY SOUTHERN BELL; REQUESTING THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ADOPT ALL THE TWENTY-FIVE CENT (\$.25) FLAT CALLING RATE PAIRINGS ORIGINATING IN BROWARD COUNTY AND OTHER SOUTH FLORIDA COUNTIES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO MAIL COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO EACH COMMISSIONER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA:

WHEREAS, in 1994, Southern Bell entered into a settlement agreement with the Florida Public Service Commission, the Florida Attorney General, and the Florida Public Counsel on behalf of the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, the settlement agreement requires that Southern Bell return over \$300 million to the citizens of Florida, through reductions in telephone rates and other rebates for telecommunication services; and

WHEREAS, the settlement agreement requires that Southern Bell provide its customers a total rate reduction of \$25 million by October 1, 1995; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish this scheduled reduction, Southern Bell has proposed linking two hundred eighty-eight (288) telephone routes in Dade, Broward, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties by a flat twenty-five cent (\$.25) calling rate; and

WHEREAS, Southern Bell's proposal amounts to a total rate savings of nearly \$49 million to the citizens of these counties, including Broward; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission has recommended the approval of only thirty-five (35) flat calling rate telephone routes of the two hundred eighty-eight (288) routes proposed by Southern Bell based on staff's view that approving more routes would hinder competition for local telephone service; and

WHEREAS, the Lauderhill City Commission respects the Public Service Commission staff's concern for the newly created competitive local telephone market and the impact that local calling plans may have in the future; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding such concern, the proposed flat twenty-five cent (\$.25) calling rate plans should be adopted given the enormous savings this proposal would provide to the citizens of Broward County and other south Florida counties involved in Southern Bell's proposal;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The the Lauderhill City Commission ("Commission") requests that the Public Service Commission ("PSC") at its scheduled September 26, 1995 meeting, not adopt the staff recommendation to approve a flat twenty-five cent (\$.25) calling rate for only thirty-five (35) of Southern Bell's proposed two hundred eighty-eight (288) routes. Furthermore, the commission requests that the PSC adopt all flat twenty-five cent (\$.25) calling rate pairings originating in Broward County and other South Florida counties which were studied by the PSC staff but not recommended at the Public Service Commission's meeting of September 12, 1995.

Section 2. The city clerk shall mail a copy of this Resolution to each Commissioner, the Executive Director, and General Counsel, of the Public Service Commission.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

DATED this 26th day of September, 1995.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading this 26th day of September, 1995.



PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK



MAYOR

MOTION	_____ Kaplan
SECOND	_____ Myles
G. MYLES	_____ Yes
W. ELFERS	_____ Yes
T. JONES	_____ Yes
R. KAPLAN	_____ Yes
A. REITER	_____ Yes

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