

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 951317-TL
tariff filing to allow company) ORDER NO. PSC-95-1601-FOF-TL
employee usage to be applied) ISSUED: December 27, 1995
against intra/interLATA)
allowance by BellSouth)
Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a)
Southern Bell Telephone and)
Telegraph Company (T-95-660)
filed 10/16/95))
_____)

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 TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 16, 1995, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell) filed proposed revisions to its General Subscriber Service Tariff to expand provisions on its company employee usage allowance.

Southern Bell historically has allowed its employees free or reduced local residential telephone service, along with an allowance for long distance service. The concession and allowance varies depending on the employee's length of service and whether the employee is currently employed or became disabled/retired during Pre-Divestiture or Post-Divestiture. The toll allowance varies according to the following three employee categories:

- \$50 intraLATA allowance for Post-Divestiture retired, disabled and active employees with 30 years or more service;
- \$35 intraLATA/interLATA allowance for Pre-Divestiture retired or disabled employees; and,

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- \$25 for all other active employees with six months or more service.

In each of the three above categories, the allowance is a toll allowance and must be applied only against toll usage. Southern Bell seeks to permit the allowances to be used not only for toll usage, but for ECS usage in connection with residential flat-rated and measured-rated access lines. Local usage on measured-rated access lines would also apply against the allowance.

Southern Bell's tariff filing will allow Southern Bell employees in Florida the same concessions applicable to Southern Bell employees in other states. We believe that this more liberal application of the concession allowances is appropriate. Accordingly, we approve Southern Bell's tariff, effective December 16, 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 tariff to expand provisions on its company employee usage allowance is approved. It is further

ORDERED that this tariff filing shall be effective December 16, 1995. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, this tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 27th day of December, 1995.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

by: Kay Jensen
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 January 17, 1996.

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.