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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Comprehensive Review of the) Docket No. 920260-TL
Revenue Requirements and Rate)
Stabilization Plan of Southern Bell) Filed: 9-20-96
Telephone and Telegraph Company)

PALM BEACH NEWSPAPERS, INC.'S AND FLORIDA TODAY'S
PREHEARING STATEMENT

Palm Beach Newspapers, Inc. (PBNI) and Florida Today, hereby file this prehearing statement pursuant to Rule 25-22.038(3), Florida Administrative Code and Order No. PSC-96-0965-PCO-TL.

A. Witnesses: All issues

James Freeman on behalf of PBNI and Florida Today.

B. Exhibits: At this time, PBNI and Florida Today do not plan to introduce exhibits, but reserves the right to introduce cross-examination exhibits if necessary.

C. Basic Position: BellSouth's N11 service tariff should be changed so that the N11 customers pay a flat charge of \$0.01 per minute or the current monthly minimum, whichever is greater. This change would make N11 service more cost-based, which would eliminate the cross-subsidy being provided by N11 service customers to other ratepayers while still guaranteeing BellSouth a fair return. Additionally, this lower rate would create an appropriate environment for unique, local-based information services to either flourish or fail based on their value to the market. Making N11 service more cost-based as proposed is a low cost, no-risk, and potentially high gain proposal.

D. ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Below are listed the proposals of various interested parties to this proceeding with respect to the disposition of the scheduled 1996 unspecified rate reductions. Which, if any, should be approved?

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A)	BellSouth:	<u>millions</u>
1)	Reduce switched access (introduce zone density)	\$16.40
2)	Reduce PBX rates and introduce term contracts	13.45
3)	Waive certain business and residential Secondary Service Order charges	5.81
4)	Reduce First Line Connection charge (Business)	3.22
5)	Introduce Area Plus for Business	2.25
6)	Eliminate usage charge on Remote Call Forwarding	2.01
7)	Reduce DID recurring and non-recurring charges	1.88
8)	Credit for ECS routes implemented	1.10
9)	Reduce Business Line monthly rates in Rate Group 12	.62
10)	Reduce Megalink interoffice rates	.58
11)	Reduce WATS and 800 Service access line charges	.36
12)	Eliminate the Secondary Service Order charge for WatsSaver	.30
13)	Reduce SNAC charges for Business	.07
14)	Reduce DS-1 interoffice mileage rates	<u>.04</u>
		\$48.09

PBNI's AND FLORIDA TODAY'S POSITION: PBNI and Florida Today take no position on Issues 1 A) 1-14.

B)	Joint Proposal of ATT, MCI, Sprint Communications, FIXCA, Ad Hoc and McCaw Communications:	<u>millions</u>
1)	Reduce PBX and DID trunk charges	\$11.00
2)	Eliminate the Residual Interconnection Charge	35.00
3)	Reduce mobile interconnection rates	<u>2.00</u>
		\$48.00

PBNI's AND FLORIDA TODAY'S POSITION: No position on Issues 1 B) 1-3.

C) Public Counsel:
Establish a reserve fund to assist BST customers who have experienced problems with conversion to the 954 NPA.

PBNI's AND FLORIDA TODAY'S POSITION: No position.

D) FCTA:
Eliminate nonrecurring charges for interconnection trunks and special access circuits ordered by ALECs.

PBNI's AND FLORIDA TODAY'S POSITION: No position.

E) Palm Beach Newspapers, Inc.:
Reduce usage rates for N11 service to \$.02 per minute.

PBNI'S AND FLORIDA TODAY'S POSITION: Reduce usage rates for N11 service to \$.01 per minute. Specifically, BellSouth's N11 tariff should be changed so that the N11 customer pays a flat rate of \$0.01 per minute or the current monthly minimum, whichever is greater.

ISSUE 2: To the extent the Commission does not approve the plans proposed by BellSouth, Public Counsel, FCTA, Palm Beach Newspapers, Inc./Florida Today and AT&T, MCI, Sprint, FIXCA, AD Hoc and McCaw, how should the Commission implement the scheduled rate reduction?


PBNI'S AND FLORIDA TODAY'S POSITION: However the Commission implements the rate reductions, it must avoid methods that have an anticompetitive effect.

ISSUE 3: What should be the effective dates of the approved tariffs?

PBNI'S AND FLORIDA TODAY'S POSITION: No position at this time.

- E. QUESTIONS OF LAW: None.
- F. POLICY QUESTIONS: None.
- G. STIPULATED ISSUES: None.
- H. PENDING MOTIONS OR OTHER MATTERS: None.
- I. REQUIREMENTS THAT CANNOT BE COMPLIED WITH: None.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of September, 1996.



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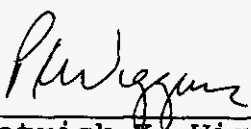
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