

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Emergency petition for authority to waive regulated charges for late payment charges for sixty days for existing customers affected by recent fires in central east coast area by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 980827-TL
ORDER NO. PSC-98-0995-FOF-TL
ISSUED: July 21, 1998

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIA L. JOHNSON, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
SUSAN F. CLARK
JOE GARCIA
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

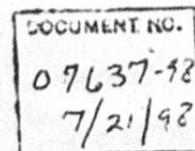
ORDER APPROVING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY TARIFF
TO WAIVE REGULATED CHARGES FOR LATE PAYMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

BACKGROUND

As a result of the recent disastrous fires in the central east coast of Florida, many of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s (BellSouth) customers were forced to evacuate their homes and some have lost their homes. In response to this crisis, BellSouth filed a request for emergency tariff approval on July 7, 1998. BellSouth proposes to waive regulated charges for late payment for residents affected by the fires.

We wish to respond quickly to these emergency conditions and assist BellSouth in its efforts to provide relief. We will, therefore, modify our usual filing and review process for BellSouth's tariffs and rules, pursuant to the emergency

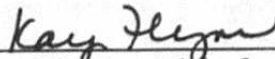


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ORDERED that if no timely protest is filed, this docket should be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 21st Day of July, 1998.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting



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 120.569(1), 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.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

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abbreviated procedures we established and followed in Order Nos. PSC-92-0910-FOF-TP, PSC-95-1306-FOF-TP, and PSC-98-0394-FOF-TL. BellSouth will then be able to put needed services in place as soon as possible.

BELLSOUTH'S EMERGENCY TARIFF

BellSouth seeks authority to waive regulated charges for late payment charges for primary residential customers for up to 60 days, effective July 21, 1998. This tariff will apply to the affected exchanges in BellSouth's service territory listed below:

Bunnell (437, 440, 586, 930)

Daytona (212, 214, 217, 226, 238, 239, 248,
250, 252, 253, 254, 255, 257, 258, 274, 290,
295, 299, 304, 316, 322, 323, 334, 401, 405,
440, 441, 451, 512, 527, 528, 590, 615, 672,
673, 676, 677, 679, 691, 756, 760, 761, 767,
788, 820, 831, 846, 869, 903, 930, 947, 979,
989)

Flagler Beach (439, 440, 503, 517, 930)

Palm Coast (440, 445, 446, 447, 930)

Pierson (440, 749, 930)

Titusville (264, 267, 268, 269, 383, 440, 930)

We approve BellSouth's emergency tariff in its entirety, effective July 21, 1998.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s emergency tariff to waive regulated charges for late payment for customers affected by the recent fires is approved, effective July 21, 1998, as set forth in the body of this order. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed within 21 days from the issuance date of this Order, the tariff should remain in effect pending resolution of the protest. It is further

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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 August 11, 1998.

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.