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**RE: COMMISSION ORDER NO.PSC-03-1469-FOF-TL; FLOW THROUGH ACCESS
REDUCTIONS TO RETAIL RATES**

Dear Mr. Trueblood:

Southern Telecom, Inc. ("Southern Telecom") hereby acknowledges receipt of the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission") letter dated October 13, 2006 (a copy of which is attached hereto). In this letter, the Commission notified Southern Telecom that pursuant to Commission Order No. PSC-03-1469-FOF-TL, which granted the petitions filed by Incumbent Local Exchange Companies Verizon, Embarq (formerly Sprint), and BellSouth to reduce their intrastate switched access charges to interstate parity, Southern Telecom may be required to flow through these access reductions to its retail rates, in compliance with Fla Stat. § 364.163(2).

Southern Telecom is not subject to the requirements of Fla. Stat. § 364.163(2) because it is a wholesale provider of dark fiber and other network elements, and therefore does not provide retail telecommunications services to individual subscribers. As a result, Southern Telecom does not offer any services that will require tariff revisions at this time. If such circumstances change, then Southern Telecom, Inc. will promptly file such notice with the Commission.

Please contact me at (404) 885-3212 if you have any further questions or concerns.
Thank you for your assistance with this matter

Sincerely,
s/ Benjamin L. Young, Esq.
Counsel for Southern Telecom, Inc.

Enclosure

cc: Patrick Kohler, Southern Telecom, Inc.

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October 13, 2006

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Dear IXC:

This letter is to notify your company that pursuant to Commission Order No. PSC-03-1469-FOF-TL, which granted the petitions filed by Incumbent Local Exchange Companies (ILECs) Verizon, Embarq (formerly Sprint), and BellSouth to reduce their intrastate switched access charges to interstate parity, your company may be required to flow through these access reductions to your retail rates, in compliance with Section 364.163(2), Florida Statutes.

The Order also addressed the flow-through of ILEC switched access reductions by Interexchange Carriers (IXCs), and set forth the following requirements to be fulfilled by the IXCs:

- (1) IXCs are required to flow through their savings from the switched access rate reductions.
- (2) IXCs are required to file tariffs within 44 days of the ILECs' filed tariffs.
- (3) The ILEC and the IXC tariffs should become effective simultaneously.
- (4) IXC rate reductions shall remain in effect for no less than one year subsequent to parity being accomplished.
- (5) IXC rate reductions should be flowed through to residential and business customers on a pro-rata basis according to access minutes of use.

The Order requires that all IXCs that paid \$1 million or more in intrastate switched access charges within the most recent 12-month period should include in their tariff filings:

- (1) a calculation of the dollar benefit associated with the ILEC's intrastate access rate reductions;
- (2) separate demonstrations that residential and business long distance rates have been reduced and the estimated annualized revenue effect, residential and business, including how those estimates were made; and

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- (3) a demonstration that all rate reductions have been flowed through.

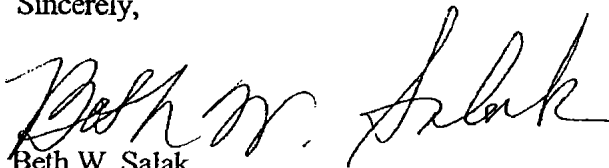
Those IXCs that paid less than \$1 million in intrastate switched access charges within the most recent 12-month period are required to include with their tariff filings a letter certifying their compliance with each of the flow-through requirements specified in Section 364.163(2), Florida Statutes. Additionally, any IXC whose intrastate switched access expense reduction is \$100 or less per month is not obligated to flow through its reduction, but must attest to such through a letter filed with this Commission.

On September 15, 2006, two ILECs, Embarq and Verizon, filed their tariffs. Copies of the affected tariff pages showing the Embarq and Verizon access reductions are enclosed. Because the Order requires IXCs to file tariffs within 44 days of the ILECs' filed tariffs so that the flow-through of the reductions occurs concurrently, all required IXC tariff filings to flow through the Embarq and Verizon access reductions must be made by **October 30, 2006**.

To date, BellSouth has not filed its tariff revisions or provided this agency an estimate of its upcoming access reductions. Your company can monitor the Commission website www.FloridaPSC.com for BellSouth's expected mid-November filing. From the website click on "Utility Regulation," scroll and click on "Telecommunications," then scroll to "Tariff Information" and click on "Search by Company," then scroll through the list of companies to locate BellSouth. BellSouth's company code is TL 720. All required IXC tariff filings to flow through the BellSouth access reductions will be due **within 44 days of BellSouth's tariff filing**.

We request that you submit all required documentation, certification letters, and attestation letters for the Verizon and Embarq related flow-through tariff filings to this office by close of business on **October 30, 2006**, the tariff filing deadline. Since BellSouth has not filed its tariff yet, we request that you submit these documents for the BellSouth related flow-through tariff filing **within 44 days of BellSouth's tariff filing**. If you know that your company will receive a total intrastate switched access expense reduction of \$100.00 or less per month, your company may file one attestation covering all three ILECs, by October 30, 2006. If you have any questions, please call Frank Trueblood at 850-413-7019.

Sincerely,



Beth W. Salak,

Director

Division of Competitive Markets & Enforcement

Enclosures

cc: Sally A. Simmons, Chief, Bureau of Telecommunications, Arbitrations and Tariffs
Frank Trueblood, Regulatory Analyst, Bureau of Telecommunications, Arbitrations and Tariffs

ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF

Embargo Florida, Inc
BY: F. B. Poag, Director

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Effective: November 1, 2006 ~~November 1, 2005~~

E3. CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS

E3.8 Rates and Charges

A. The rate for Carrier Common Line Access is:

1. Carrier Common Line

	<u>Rate</u>
(a) Originating Access Minute, each	<u>\$0.016092</u> <u>\$0.003272</u>
(b) Terminating Access Minute, each	<u>\$0.016092</u> <u>\$0.003272</u>

6. SWITCHED ACCESS

6.6 Rates and Charges (Continued)

6.6.2 Switched Transport

(A) Tandem-Switched Transport-Facility

Per Access Minute/Mile	<u>Per Access Minutes of Use</u>
Zone 1	.0000135
Zone 2	.0000141
Zone 3	.0000149

(B) Tandem Switched Transport - Termination

Per Access Minute Per Termination	
Zone 1	.0001344
Zone 2	.0001344
Zone 3	.0001344

(C) Tandem Switching

Per Access Minute	
Zone 1	.0007500
Zone 2	.0007500
Zone 3	.0007500

(D) Interconnection

Per Access Minute	.001142195003	(R)
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(E) Direct-Trunked Transport Facility-Voiceband

Per Airline Mile	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Zone 1	\$ 5.08
Zone 2	5.08
Zone 3	5.08

(F) Direct-Trunked Transport Facility-DS1

Per Airline Mile	
Zone 1	5.00
Zone 2	5.63
Zone 3	6.25
Termination, per month	
Zone 1	30.00
Zone 2	30.00
Zone 3	30.00

(G) Direct-Trunked Transport Facility-DS3

Per Airline Mile	
Zone 1	70.00
Zone 2	89.81
Zone 3	109.63
Termination, per month	
Zone 1	500.00
Zone 2	500.00
Zone 3	500.00