BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by OSCEOLA COUNTY BOARD) DOCKET NO. 900755-TL OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS for Extended)
Area Service between Osceola and Orange Counties) ISSUED: 12-21-90

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

This docket was initiated pursuant to a resolution filed with this Commission by the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners, requesting that we consider requiring implementation of extended area service (EAS) between Osceola County and Orange County. The exchanges in these counties are served by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell), United Telephone Company of Florida (United), and Vista-United Telecommunications (Vista-United), all of which are subject to regulation by this Commission pursuant to Chapter 364, Florida Statutes.

By Order No. 23613, issued October 15, 1990, we directed Southern Bell, United, and Vista-United to perform traffic studies on the affected routes to determine whether a sufficient community of interest exists, pursuant to Rule 25-4.060, Florida Administrative Code. The companies were to prepare and submit these studies to us within sixty (60) days of the issuance of Order No. 23613, making the studies due by December 14, 1990.

On December 14, 1990, Southern Bell filed a Motion for Extension of Time, requesting an extension through and including January 14, 1991, in which to prepare and to submit the required traffic studies. As grounds for its request, Southern Bell has cited the complexities inherent in the preparation of traffic studies where two exchanges share the same rate center code, as do the Kissimmee and West Kissimmee exchanges. When this situation exists, the data must be compiled and tabulated manually. Additionally, Southern Bell states that it has encountered technical problems while attempting to conduct the studies during the month of November.

Upon consideration, I find if appropriate to grant the Motion for Extension of Time in which to comply with Order No. 23613. Southern Bell will have until the close of business on January 14, 1991, to file the subject studies.

Based on the foregoing, it is

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ORDERED by Commissioner Thomas M. Beard, as Prehearing Officer, that the Motion for Extension of Time filed by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company on December 14, 1990, is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company shall file the required traffic study data on or before January 14, 1991.

By ORDER of Commissioner Thomas M. Beard, as Prehearing Officer, this __21st_ day of ___DECEMBER _______, __1990_.

THOMAS M. BEARD, Commissioner as Prehearing Officer

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