BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of tariff filing to offer Open 800) ORDER NO. PSC-93-0752-FOF-TL Service by BELLSOUTH TELECOM-MUNICATIONS, INC. d/b/a SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

) DOCKET NO. 930240-TL) ISSUED: 5/18/93

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

> J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman THOMAS M. BEARD SUSAN F. CLARK JULIA L. JOHNSON

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

I. BACKGROUND

On March 1, 1993 BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed a tariff proposing to offer Open 800 Service. This service enables an 800 customer to have his intraLATA traffic carried by Southern Bell and his interLATA traffic carried by the customer's chosen interexchange carrier (IXC). Open 800 Service can only be made available with the advent of 800 number portability. This tariff is being proposed in conjunction with the Company's proposal to offer 800 number portability. See Docket No. 930239-TL. 800 number portability allows a customer to specify different carriers or terminating locations for 800 call completion based on any combination of time of day, day of week, specific days of the year, percentage of traffic or calling telephone number.

II. Open 800 Service

Open 800 Service allows an 800 customer to have his intraLATA traffic carried by Southern Bell and his interLATA traffic carried by an IXC. In order to subscribe to this service, the customer must select an IXC from among those that have an agreement with Southern Bell to carry the interLATA traffic. Portability is essential to provide this service.

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Southern Bell currently offers Combined 300 Service, which is similar to Open 800 service. Combined 800 Service was an interim measure activated at divestiture where only ATT-C had 800 number screening capabilities. ATT-C and Southern Bell provide combined service whereby ATT-C screens calls and routes intraLATA calls back to Southern Bell. Other IXCs have chosen to use the NXX system, transporting both intraLATA and interLATA traffic themselves. Because Southern Bell can provide screening service via 800 Database Service, Open 800 Service will enable the Company to offer combined service with any IXC entering into an agreement with Southern Bell.

For the intraLATA portion, the proposed rates for Open 800 Service are the same as those currently in place for Combined 800 Service and Option 800 IntraLATA Only Service. This is the case for both recurring and non-recurring charges. The interLATA rates are those applicable to the customer-selected interexchange carrier.

From the information before us it appears that customers will benefit from potential rate reductions due to increased competition resulting from Open 800 Service. Those IXCs electing to participate in the service should attempt to make their rates as appealing as possible as compared to other IXCs that are also participating. In addition, 800 customers will benefit from the wider choice of options available to them.

Smaller IXCs who do not have screening capabilities will benefit from having Southern Bell screen and translate the 800 number to a POTs number for them. These carriers should also benefit from Southern Bell's large marketing force who will be promoting this service. Upon consideration, we find that Southern Bell's proposed tariff for Open 800 Service should be approved, effective May 1, 1993.

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 proposing to offer Open 800 Service is approved as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this tariff shall be effective May 1, 1993. It is further

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ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed to this tariff, the tariff shall remain in effect with any revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

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

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this <u>18th</u> day of <u>May</u>, <u>1993</u>.

STRUE TRIBBLE Director Division of Records and Reporting

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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 provided by Rule 25-22.036(4), Florida proceeding, as Rule provided by Administrative Code, in the form 25-22.036(7)(a)(d) and (e), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and

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Reporting at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on June 8, 1993.

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.