

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Comprehensive review of revenue requirements and rate stabilization plan of SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.)	DOCKET NO. 920260-TL
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In Re: Investigation into the integrity of SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S repair service activities and reports.)	DOCKET NO. 910163-TL
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In Re: Investigation into SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S compliance with Rule 25-4.110(2), F.A.C., Rebates.)	DOCKET NO. 910727-TL
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In Re: Show cause proceeding against SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for misbilling customers.)	DOCKET NO. 900960-TL
)	ORDER NO. PSC-93-1139-PCO-TL
)	ISSUED: August 5, 1993
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ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING
IN PART REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF CERTAIN MFR SCHEDULES

On April 22, 1993, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed a letter requesting that the Commission waive or modify certain of the Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs) it is required to file in this proceeding, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 25-4.141(4), Florida Administrative Code. This Rule provides that the Commission may waive certain portions of the MFRs if the Company demonstrates that providing the data would be impractical or would impose an unreasonable economic burden. On May 28, 1993, the Company submitted a revised waiver request that replaces the April 22nd letter.

Each of Southern Bell's waiver requests are discussed below. It should be noted that all waivers which have been granted are for 1993 data only, unless otherwise specified.

1. InterLATA, IntraLATA, and Local Detail - Southern Bell has requested a waiver of the requirement to provide interLATA, intraLATA, and local detail on the following schedules:

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A-6b	C-1a	C-24b
B-1a	C-1b	C-24c
B-1b	C-3	C-24f
B-3b	C-24a	

The Company states that its budget process forecasts total intrastate but does not break down expense and investment to this level of detail. In addition, the Company does not forecast interLATA or intraLATA allocation factors. This waiver request shall be granted, but for 1993 schedules only. Southern Bell shall file these schedules with interLATA, intraLATA, and local detail in the 1992 base case.

2. Number of copies - Because of their size, Southern Bell requests that it be allowed to file only four copies of the following schedules:

B-5a C-24h C-24i E-1a F-2

Southern Bell's request shall be granted for all the requested schedules except Schedule E-1a, for which the full number of copies shall be filed. The main reason for the size of Schedule E-1a is the volume of Sections A12 and A112. Southern Bell may, if it wishes, file only four copies of those sections. However, since all volumes of MFR schedules must be identical across sets, if the company submits only four copies of Sections A12 and A112, these sections must be filed in separate volumes from the rest of Schedule E-1a. This ruling on the number of copies is for both 1992 and 1993 schedules, where applicable.

3. MFR Schedule B-6a - Southern Bell states that the detail required in this schedule is not available on either a forecasted or historical basis. The Company proposes to provide the historical data in the format shown in Attachment 1 to its May 28th letter, which is the format it used in its prior filing in this docket and Docket No. 911109-TL. For the forecasted data, Southern Bell will provide the forecasted balance of Account 1220 by month. This waiver request shall be granted. However, the Company will be subject to discovery requests for the monthly inventory printouts and monthly consumption reports for January through March, 1993.

4. MFR Schedule B-7b - Southern Bell proposes to provide only a total amount for this schedule because specific projects that might subsequently be abandoned would not be known in

advance. This waiver request shall be granted for the 1993 schedule only. However, the Company will be subject to discovery requests for updates on actual abandonments.

5. MFR Schedule C-7 - Southern Bell has requested a waiver of this schedule on both forecasted and historical bases because charitable contributions are forecasted only in the aggregate and the Company excludes all of these expenses from regulatory treatment. This request shall be denied. Even though the Company is reporting these amounts below-the-line, the information on charitable contributions and social service club dues related to 1992 and 1993 must still be reviewed. Since the Company forecasts charitable contributions only in aggregate, it is acceptable to furnish the information based on aggregate data.

6. MFR Schedules C-11b, C-11c, and C-11d - For Schedule C-11b, Southern Bell states that it contracts on a job basis rather than on an employee basis and, therefore, requests a waiver of the requirement to provide the data in the format shown in the schedule. The Company proposes to provide three sample contractor bills, including Company labor comparisons, and will make other contractor billing information available for review. Southern Bell also proposes to revise the job titles as listed on Attachment 2 to its May 28th letter. This request shall be granted for both 1992 and 1993 schedules. The data should be as accurate as possible and approval of this waiver request should facilitate that end.

Southern Bell did not address Schedules C-11c or C-11d, beyond including them in the heading for this waiver request. Therefore, no waiver shall be granted beyond that which would logically flow from the waiver granted in connection with Schedule C-11b.

7. MFR Schedule C-24f - This schedule shows calculations for the independent settlement amounts for intraLATA toll and private line. Southern Bell states that its budget process does not forecast interLATA or intraLATA allocation factors or amounts, so it does not have the data required for page one of this Schedule for 1993. In addition, it does not have the data to prepare page 2 for either 1992 or 1993. The Company requests a waiver for these pages for the periods specified. This request shall be granted with the condition that Southern Bell shall provide instead its portion of the intraLATA private line revenue

for 1992, as well as its estimated portion of the intraLATA private line revenue for 1993.

8. MFR Schedule C-28 - Southern Bell states that Schedule C-28 requires more detail than is available from its Equal Access/Network Reconfiguration tracking procedures. It proposes to provide the data in the format shown in Attachment 3 to its May 28th letter. This request shall be granted for both 1992 and 1993 schedules. The data in this Schedule may no longer be of significant value since Southern Bell has fully converted to equal access. The revenue information cannot be isolated under Florida's switched access rate structure because there is no separate switched access rate element specifically identified for equal access conversion cost recovery.

9. MFR Schedule E-8 - Southern Bell requests that since it has no zone charges, this schedule should be waived. This request shall be granted for both 1992 and 1993 Schedules.

10. MFR Schedule F-1b - Southern Bell requests that Items Nos. 2 (Call Completions), 4 (Adequacy of Intercept), and 6 (Repair Service Rebates-24 hours) of this Schedule be waived because the programming required to modify its mechanized systems to provide summary reports containing the required information would be impractical and burdensome. Southern Bell proposes instead to provide the results of the Commission's own 1992 and 1993 Service Evaluations.

This request shall be denied. Southern Bell should have the capability to monitor its own service quality and not rely solely on external evaluations. In addition, the Company is aware of the results of Commission Service Evaluations. These reports show that the Company's performance has been satisfactory for Call Completions and Adequacy of Intercept, but not for Repair Service Rebates for out-of-service conditions in excess of 24 hours. Provision of the information required in Schedule F-1b would demonstrate the Company's efforts to improve its performance. The waiver request says, in effect, that the Company has taken no measures to monitor its performance in this area. This is significant given the investigation currently underway repair service rebates. The Company remains required to produce the information required in this Schedule.

11. MFR Schedules G-1 through G-9 - These Schedules shall be waived because the Company has not requested interim rates.

12. Additional Minor Changes - Southern Bell has proposed making the same minor modifications to certain other schedules as it made in its prior filings in this docket and Docket No. 911109-TL. These requests shall be approved for 1992 and 1993:

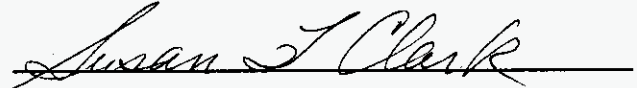
- A. MFR Schedule A-6b - Add lines for Cash Working Capital and Uncollectibles.
- B. MFR Schedule A-2a - Omit line 7 "Vehicles and Other Work Equipment" (Part 31 account) and renumber lines so rows match Schedule A-2d.
- C. MFR Schedules B-4a & B-4b - Add accounts 2220 and 2351, and renumber rows.
- D. MFR Schedules C-2a & C-2b - Correct the calculation description for headings in columns 15 and 16 of Schedule C-2a and column 7 of Schedule C-2b.
- E. MFR Schedule B-3b - Insert an additional column to show both the balance sheet amounts recorded on Company books and the amounts allocated to Florida.
- F. MFR Schedule B-3a - Use Part 32 accounts designated in Schedule B-1 of Form M.
- G. MFR Schedule D-9 - Use the revised format used previously that shows the allocation of total company balances to Florida.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Susan F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, that the Request for Waiver filed May 28, 1993, by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company is hereby granted in part and denied in part as set forth herein.

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By ORDER of Commissioner Susan F. Clark, as Prehearing
Officer, this 5th day of AUGUST, 1993.



SUSAN F. CLARK, Commissioner and
Prehearing Officer

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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.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.038(2), Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.