# BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Resolution by Monroe County Board of Commissioners for extended area service (EAS) ) ISSUED: October 3, 1995 between Big Pine Key exchange and Key West exchange.

) DOCKET NO. 941144-TL ) ORDER NO. PSC-95-1219-FOF-TL

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

> SUSAN F. CLARK, Chairman J. TERRY DEASON JOE GARCIA JULIA L. JOHNSON DIANE K. KIESLING

## ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENDED AREA SERVICE

BY THE COMMISSION:

This docket was initiated pursuant to Resolution No. 309-1994 filed by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners requesting extended area service (EAS) between the Big Pine Key exchange and the Key West exchange. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth or the Company) provides service to both the Big Pine Key and Key West exchanges. These exchanges are located within the Southeast LATA (local access and transport area).

By Order No. PSC-94-1429-PCO-TL, issued November 22, 1994, the Commission required Southern Bell to conduct traffic studies on the Big Pine Key/Key West route. The Company has requested confidential treatment of its intraLATA traffic data. By Order No. PSC-95-0513-FOF-TL, issued April 26, 1995, the Commission ordered Southern Bell to survey its customers in the Big Pine Key exchange for nonoptional, two-way, flat rate EAS to the Key West exchange under the 25/25 plan. This order further required that if this survey passed, the Enhanced Optional Extended Area Service (EOEAS) options on the Big Pine Key to Key West route should be discontinued simultaneously with the implementation of EAS.

Southern Bell mailed 4,288 ballots to all customers of record in the Big Pine Key exchange. The results of the survey are shown in Table A.

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#### TABLE A

#### SURVEY RESULTS

	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL MAILED	PERCENT OF TOTAL RETURNED	
Ballots Mailed	4,288	100.00%		
Ballots Returned	1,976	46.08	100.00%	
For EAS	1,109	25.86%	56.12%	
Against EAS	847	19.75%	42.86%	
Invalid	20	.47%	1.01%	

Rule 25-4.063(6), Florida Administrative Code, requires a majority of all respondents in each exchange to vote favorably and at least 40% of all ballots sent must be returned. Based on this rule, the survey passed because 46.08% of all ballots mailed were returned, and 56.12% of the ballots returned voted in favor of EAS.

Based on the results of the survey, we find that BellSouth shall implement nonoptional, two-way, flat rate EAS between the Big Pine Key exchange and Key West exchanges at the rates listed below in Table B. This route shall be implemented as soon as possible, but not to exceed twelve months from the date of this order.

Present Rates	25/25 Additive	Regrouping	Total Additive	New Rate
R-1 \$ 8.10	\$ 2.10	\$ .30	\$ 2.40	\$ 10.50
B-1 \$21.90	\$ 5.73	\$ 1.00	\$ 6.73	\$ 28.63
PBX \$37.23	\$ 9.73	\$ 1.70	\$ 11.43	\$ 48.66

TABLE B

Order No. PSC-95-0513-FOF-TL further required that if this survey passed, the Enhanced Optional Extended Area Service (E0EAS) options on the Big Pine Key to Key West route should be discontinued simultaneously with the implementation of EAS. Staff shall monitor the matter to ensure that BellSouth makes the necessary tariff revisions to comply with the implementation date.

The Big Pine Key/Key West route is one of the 288 Extended Calling Service (ECS) routes proposed by BellSouth to satisfy the revenue reduction of \$25 million pending in Docket No. 920260-TL. ORDER NO. PSC-95-1219-FOF-TL DOCKET NO. 941144-TL PAGE 3

Based on our decision in this docket, no further action needs to be taken in Docket No. 920260-TL.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that BellSouth shall implement nonoptional, two-way, flat rate EAS between the Big Pine Key exchange and Key West exchanges at the rates listed below in Table B. It is further

ORDERED that the Enhanced Optional Extended Area Service (E0EAS) options on the Big Pine Key to Key West route shall be discontinued simultaneously with the implementation of EAS.

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this <u>3rd</u> day of <u>October</u>, <u>1995</u>.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director Division of Records and Reporting

by: Chief, Bureau of Records

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## NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

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Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) 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 and/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 after the issuance of this order, 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.