

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 930632-TL
tariff filing to provide a) ORDER NO. PSC-93-1366-FOF-TL
separate rate element for VISTA-) ISSUED: September 20, 1993
UNITED TELECOMMUNICATIONS 800)
Database Service by BELLSOUTH)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. d/b/a)
SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND)
TELEGRAPH COMPANY.)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 14, 1993, BellSouth Telecommunications Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell) filed a tariff to provide a separate rate element for 800 Database Service for Vista-United Telecommunications (Vista).

Following divestiture, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) instructed the local exchange companies (LECs) and other industry participants to develop the technology to enable 800 number portability. This service enables customers to "carry" their 800 number with them when they change carriers. Because of the complexity and costs of the system needed to provide 800 number portability, not all LECs have their own systems. However, those companies having the system are making it available to those companies that do not.

Other than GTE Florida, Centel, and United, the local exchange companies concur in Southern Bell's access tariff. For example, St. Joseph Telephone Company, which does not have its own 800 DataBase System, concurs in Southern Bell's tariff in offering 800 DataBase Service. St. Joe is charged Southern Bell's tariffed rates and in turn charges its customers, the IXCs, those same tariffed rates for the service.

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Vista also concurs in Southern Bell's access tariff and, like St. Joe, does not have its own 800 DataBase system. Since May 1, 1993, when Southern Bell's 800 DataBase Service rates went into effect, Vista has been charging the rates set forth in Southern Bell's tariff for provision of the service. However, Vista currently purchases the service from Sprint/United Management Company (Sprint), a corporate arm of the Sprint Local Telephone division. The per query rates charged by Sprint, which are comparable to those charged by United Telephone Company of Florida (United), are higher than those charged by Southern Bell. Consequently, in order for Vista to pass on these higher rates, the rates must be added to Southern Bell's tariff, the tariff in which Vista concurs.

We have previously indicated our desire to make portability available. Therefore, upon consideration, we approve the tariff as filed. However, we continue to have concerns about Vista's decision to purchase the service from Sprint at rates higher than available from Southern Bell. Further, we are also concerned about the disparity among the LEC's rates for 800 Query service. We note that our Staff is continuing to examine the rates generally to determine if the existing rate disparity is appropriate. We also note that the FCC has initiated an investigation into this disparity and is preparing to issue an order setting out the guidelines for its investigation. We will monitor the FCC's actions.

Based on the foregoing, it is

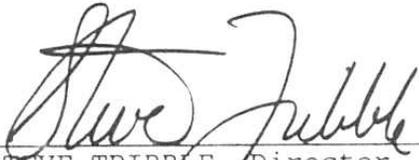
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the tariff filing by BellSouth Telecommunications Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company to provide a separate rate element for 800 Database Service for Vista-United Telecommunications is approved as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirement set forth below, the tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no protest is filed in accordance with the requirement set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 20th
day of September, 1993.



STEVE 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 proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.036(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a)(d) and (e), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on October 11, 1993.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

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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.