

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff to modify)	DOCKET NO. 920043-TL
Billing Validation Data License Service)	
(BVDLS) by SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND)	ORDER NO. 25740
TELEGRAPH COMPANY.)	
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman
 SUSAN F. CLARK
 J. TERRY DEASON
 BETTY EASLEY
 LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING
FOR BILLING VALIDATION DATA SERVICE

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 31, 1991, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed a proposed tariff to change the way that rates and charges are computed for Billing Validation Data License Service (BVDLS). BVDLS makes available the raw data in the local exchange company's (LEC) possession which includes information such as whether a credit/calling card number or telephone number is eligible for billing. Billing validation data is shared between AT&T and the LECs under the Shared Network Facility Arrangement (SNFA) required under the Plan of Reorganization. U.S. West Service Link (U.S. West) is currently the only subscriber to Southern Bell's BVDLS. U.S. West will discontinue use of BVDLS by June 30, 1992. Southern Bell plans to petition the Commission to obsolete its BVDLS tariff when U.S. West and others can use Southern Bell's LIDB.

The mechanized system which has been used to determine charges for both AT&T and BVDLS customers is a shared system between AT&T and Southern Bell operated under a post-divestiture agreement (SNFA) which expired December 31, 1991. The hardware and software which drive this system reside in part with AT&T and in part with Southern Bell. Since the AT&T portion will not be available after January 15, 1992, Southern Bell cannot continue to measure actual service without spending nearly \$200,000 for a replacement system. The Company believes that this cost is unreasonable and instead proposes to charge an average monthly rate. U.S. West has informed us that the average monthly rate proposed by Southern Bell is not objectionable.

As the service is interim, has only one customer, and the single customer plans to discontinue service shortly and does not

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find the proposed rates to be objectionable, we find that a \$200,000 expenditure for a temporary billing system is unreasonable. The Company has historical data with which to determine a monthly rate. The proposed rate is an average of what the customer was charged for the license fee from December, 1990, to November, 1991. This equates to \$34,018 per month, which we find to be appropriate.

Therefore, based upon the foregoing, it is

ORDERED that the Florida Public Service Commission hereby approves Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's proposed tariff to modify the method of calculation of the rates and charges for BVDLS with an effective date of February 5, 1992. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed, this tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 17th
day of FEBRUARY, 1992.



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

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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 3/9/92

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 sewer 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.