

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Comprehensive review of) DOCKET NO. 920260-TL
the revenue requirements and) ORDER NO. PSC-92-0496-PCO-TL
rate stabilization plan of) ISSUED: 06/11/92
SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND)
TELEGRAPH COMPANY.)
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ORDER ON REQUEST FOR WAIVER AND
MODIFICATION OF MINIMUM FILING REQUIREMENTS

By letters dated April 7, 1992, and April 16, 1992, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) has requested waiver and modification of certain Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs) for this docket. Rule 25-4.141(4), Florida Administrative Code, authorizes the granting of such a waiver "upon a showing that production of the data would be impractical or impose an excessive economic burden upon the company." The specific MFR schedules, as well as the Company's rationale for requesting a waiver or modification, are set forth below, along with the ruling on each request.

Consolidation and Name Change

South Central Bell Telephone Company and BellSouth Services, Inc. were merged into Southern Bell Telephone Company on January 1, 1992. At that time, the name of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company was changed to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Order No. PSC 92-0079-FOF-TL approved the name change from Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. is doing business as Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell). Southern Bell proposes to display the Company name on the MFR schedules as "Southern Bell" for both historical and projected data. Southern Bell will label the schedule to indicate the basis of the data shown in cases where there might be some confusion. This request is granted.

Use of Docket No. 880069-TL data as the "last rate case data"

Southern Bell proposes to use the forecasted 1990 data as reflected in Order No. 20162 in Docket No. 880069-TL as the "last rate case data" for purposes of this filing. Order No. 20162 implemented Southern Bell's Rate Stabilization Plan and was based on projected data for 1988, 1989, and 1990. Since the test period will be 1991 actual, we believe that the request for forecasted 1990 as the last rate case data is appropriate and is granted.

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Schedule B-3a: Balance Sheet

Southern Bell requests that it be allowed to use Part 32 accounts as designated in Schedule B-1 of Form M in completing Schedule B-3a, as it did in its November, 1991, Modified Minimum Filing Requirements (MMFRs), in Docket No. 911109-TL. This request is granted.

Schedule B-6a: Material and Supplies

Southern Bell states that the detail required by this schedule is not available in its accounting system. It proposes to submit this data in the same form as was approved for Docket No. 911109-TL. This request is approved. The requested format will be sufficiently detailed to allow us to review the expenditures.

Schedule C-7: Charitable Contributions and Social Service Club Dues and Expenses

Southern Bell has requested that this schedule be excluded since the Company reports these amounts below the line. This schedule requires a listing of each contribution of \$500 or more and a listing of contributions by groups where individually the contributions were \$500 or less. This waiver request is denied. Even though the Company is reporting these amounts below the line, we need to review the detail of the charitable contributions and social service club dues related to the test period.

Schedule C-28: Cost of Equal Access and Network Reconfiguration

Southern Bell states that the detail required by this schedule is not available in its Equal Access/Network Reconfiguration tracking procedures. It proposes to provide the data in the format shown in Attachment 2 to its letter dated April 7, 1992. This request is approved. We believe the data required 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.

Schedule D-9: Reconciliation of Jurisdictional Rate Base
and Capital Structure

The Company is proposing to revise the format of this schedule by adding lines to show an allocation down from total Southern Bell to Southern Bell-Florida. This schedule shows the reconciliation of rate base and capital structure by cost component and lists specific adjustments, as well as pro rata adjustments in the reconciliation. This request is granted.

Schedule C-11b: Breakdown of Personnel by Department

Southern Bell proposes to revise job titles where those listed in the schedule are no longer applicable. The Company requests that it be allowed to use the categories listed in Attachment 4 to its letter dated April 7, 1992. This request is approved. The MFR data should be as accurate as possible and approval of this waiver request will facilitate that.

Schedule C-24f: Independent Company Settlements

This schedule calculates the independent settlement amount for intralata toll-private line. Southern Bell is requesting to omit page 2 of C-24f which calculates the revenue settlement amount until the latest study is filed on July 1, 1992. Southern Bell will then provide us with the data. This request is granted.

Additional Minor Changes to Five MFR schedules

The Company has requested the following changes to certain MFR schedules:

1. Schedule A-6b: Analysis Of Each Rate Case Adjustment

The Company wants to add lines for cash working capital and uncollectibles.

2. Schedule A-2a: Comparison of Rate Base With Last Case

The Company wants to omit line 7 "Vehicles and Other Work Equipment" (Part 31 account) and renumber lines.

3. Schedules B-4a and B-4b: Plant in Service by Each Property Account and 14 Month Analysis of Each Property Account

The Company wants to add account 2220, operator systems, and account 2351, public telephone terminal equipment, and renumber the rows.

4. Schedules C-2a and C-2b: Summary of the Effect of Entries on the Unadjusted Total Company and Unadjusted Intrastate Operating Income

The Company wants to correct the calculation description.

5. Schedule B-3b: Florida Separated Average Balance Sheet

Southern Bell is proposing to insert an additional column to show Southern Bell "Total Company" data.

We find each of the above five requests to be reasonable and they shall each be granted.

Limited Copies of Four MFR Schedules

Southern Bell has requested that it be allowed to submit only three copies of each of the following schedules:

- Schedule B-5a: Monthly Operating Reports
- Schedule C-24h: Microfiche Copy of Monthly Cost Studies
- Schedule C-24i: Traffic and Revenue Settlements Agreement
- Schedule F-2: Demand and Facility Charts

This request is approved, with the modification that Southern Bell is required to file four copies instead of the normal number of twenty. The schedules in question are voluminous and are not subject to frequent reference during the course of the proceeding. Similar requests have been approved in other recent major rate cases.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Susan F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's Request for Waiver and

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Modification of Minimum Filing Requirements is hereby granted in part and denied in part as set forth in the body of this Order.

By ORDER of Commissioner Susan F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, this 11th day of June, 1992.


SUSAN F. CLARK, Commissioner
and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

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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

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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.