

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff filing) DOCKET NO. 920711-TL
to expand the billing tariff) ORDER NO. PSC-92-1108-FOF-TL
for telemessaging service) ISSUED: 10/05/92
providers to billing for all)
enhanced service providers by)
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)
INC. d/b/a SOUTHERN BELL)
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY))

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Order No. 25321, issued November 12, 1991, the Commission approved Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's (Southern Bell or the Company) Bill Processing Service for telemessaging service providers (TSPs). TSPs offer telephone answering, voice messaging, and similar services. Southern Bell's Bill Processing Service provides a billing option for telemessaging companies to send billing data to Southern Bell for inclusion on a subscriber's monthly telephone bill. Southern Bell renders the bill, collects the charges, and remits the balance back to the telemessaging company. Southern Bell charges a \$3,000 nonrecurring charge to set up the service and a \$.04 per line for each bill it renders.

On June 30, 1992, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed tariff revisions proposing to expand the current billing for telemessaging providers to include billing for all enhanced service providers (ESPs). ESPs offer services which are provided over common carrier facilities that employ computer processing applications. The expansion of the present tariff will enable the Company to offer billing for all segments of the information services industry instead of limiting it to telephone answering and voice messaging type services. The tariff will allow an ESP to send rated charges to the Company to be printed on a separate page of an end user's telephone bill.

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This tariff filing to offer Bill Processing Service for ESPs will not affect existing ratepayers. The tariff merely expands the current offering to include the ESPs and adds language to comply with the provisions of Rule 25-4.110, Florida Administrative Code, regarding customer billing. The rates and charges proposed by Southern Bell remain the same as those approved by Order No. 25321, which continue to cover the costs of the service and provide contribution to the overall revenue requirements of the Company. The total recurring costs may be minimally higher, although less per line, due to the increase in ESPs subscribing to the service.

We believe that this tariff is appropriate. Southern Bell will be able to meet the demand for billing expressed by the ESP industry. The ability to provide the service already exists in Southern Bell's billing system. Additionally, the proposed tariff revisions meet the customer billing requirements of Rule 25-4.110. Accordingly, we hereby approve the tariff as filed.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's tariff filing to expand the current billing tariff for telemessaging service providers to enhanced service providers is hereby approved, effective September 16, 1992. 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.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 5th day of OCTOBER , 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 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 26, 1992.

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 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.