## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: PROPOSED TARIFF FILING BY
SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH
COMPANY TO MOVE A SMALL PART OF THE
ST. AUGUSTINE EXCHANGE INTO THE PALM
COAST EXCHANGE. (T-89-287 FILED 5/24/89)

) DOCKET NO. 890883-TL ) ORDER NO. 21911 ) ISSUED: 9-19-89

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHAEL McK. WILSON, Chairman THOMAS M. BEARD BETTY EASLEY GERALD L. GUNTER JOHN T. HERNDON

## ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

## BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 24, 1989, Southern Bell filed a tariff proposing to move a part of the St. Augustine exchange into the Palm Coast exchange. The proposed area to be transferred is currently a vacant undeveloped piece of property that is being developed by ITT Palm Coast. This Planned Unit Development (PUD) called Matanzas Shores, is on the boundary between the St. Augustine and Palm Coast exchanges, but most of it is in the St. Augustine exchange. Matanzas Shores is a planned community complete with offices, shops, medical facilities and residential units. It is part of the larger Palm Coast development.

This boundary is interLATA and changing it will affect the LATA boundaries of Jacksonville and Orlando. Since LATA boundary changes are within Federal jurisdiction, Florida Public Service Commission staff advised Southern Bell to contact the United States Department of Justice and Southern Bell agreed to postpone the effective date of this tariff. Southern Bell was informed that, given the facts in this case, the Department of Justice would not require a formal filing or approval by the Department of Justice and was instructed to proceed with this Commission.

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There are two possible means of resolving the dual exchange problem. One is to move the Palm Coast exchange boundary to the north and serve the entire Matanzas Shores development from the Palm Coast exchange in Flagler County. This would not require any number changes since there are no customers in the St. Augustine exchange area to be moved and the Palm Coast exchange customers would not be affected. The other method would be to move the St. Augustine exchange boundary to the South and serve the project from the St. Augustine exchange which is primarily in St. Johns County. This would require number changes for the Palm Coast exchange customers now located in the Matanzas Shores development.

The monthly rate for one-party residential service in the Palm Coast exchange in Rate Group III is \$8.10 which includes extended order service (EAS) to Bunnell and Flagler Beach. Parties can call 13,502 access lines toll free. The monthly rate for the St. Augustine exchange in Rate Group IV is \$8.40 with no EAS and a local calling scope of 29,467 toll free access lines.

The distance from the St. Augustine central office to Matanzas Shores is 11.7 miles; it is 9.3 miles from the Palm Coast central office to Matanzas Shores. To serve Matanzas Shores from St. Augustine would require additional fibers from the central office to Marineland plus one six fiber cable from Marineland to Matanzas Shores at a cost of \$92,186. To serve Matanzas Shores from Palm Coast would require 860 feet of six fiber cable at a cost of \$3,895. Currently, Flagler County has basic 911 service, but they are in the process of upgrading their capablity to E911. Serving this entire development out of the Flagler County Palm Coast exchange will make the provision of 911 service to these Flagler County residents appropriate.

Southern Bell believes that, with the area under consideration, being located within Flagler County and with the project being part of the Palm Coast Community, the new customers' community of interest will be toward Palm Coast and Flagler County.

We believe it would be in the public interest to provide service to the entire development from one exchange. Based on the cost support provided by Southern Bell, it appears that it ORDER NO. 21911 DOCKET NO. 890883-TL PAGE 3

would be more cost efficient to move this area into the Palm Coast exchange. Further, since there are currently no customers located in the proposed area to be moved, and the community of interest is already established for the existing customers in the Palm Coast exchange, we believe that it would be appropriate for Southern Bell to move the Palm Coast boundary to the North and serve the entire exchange from the Palm Coast exchange.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED that Southern Bell's tariff proposal to move a part of the St. Augustine exchange into the Palm Coast exchange is approved effective September 5, 1989, It is further

ORDERED that this docket is closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 19th day of SEPTEMBER , 1989 .

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director

Division of Records and Reporting

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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.

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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 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 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 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.