

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| In re: Tariff proposal to introduce     | ) | DOCKET NO. 900820-TL |
| Digital ESSX(r) Digital Electronic      | ) |                      |
| Business Set (DEBS) service by SOUTHERN | ) | ORDER NO. 24232      |
| BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY    | ) | ISSUED: 3-12-91      |

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman  
 J. TERRY DEASON  
 BETTY EASLEY  
 GERALD L. GUNTER  
 MICHAEL MCK. WILSON

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF PROPOSAL

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 14, 1990, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed tariff revisions (T-90-351) to introduce Digital Electronic Business Set (DEBS) service. DEBS service is a voice grade only central office service used with Digital ESSX service. DEBS service is designed to work with compatible customer premises equipment (CPE) known as Digital Electronic Business Sets.

DEBS service allows a customer single button access to business features otherwise accessible only via dialed codes. Feature function buttons on the DEBS can be assigned to activate any feature normally activated by dialing an activation code. A similar service, Electronic Telephone Set, is already in place, but is only available out of DMS central offices. DEBS has a similar restriction in that the service can only be offered through 5ESS central offices.

The Company asserts that this offering is being made to respond to customer requests to have the capability of using sets similar to the Electronic Business Sets when they are served from a 5ESS Switch. DEBS service is identified in the tariff as being for use up to 2 1/2 miles. Where service is requested by a customer beyond 2 1/2 miles, the Company intends to provide the service on a special service arrangement basis. The Electronic Telephone Set service also contains the same restriction.

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The tariff reflects that there will be a separate rate for wire center line for DEBS. The tariff includes the rates for following services:

1. Additional Call Appearances
2. Automatic Callback Calling
3. Call Forwarding
  - a. Call Forwarding-Variable
  - b. Call Forwarding-Busy Line Flexible
  - c. Call Forwarding-Don't Answer Flexible
4. Call Pickup
5. Conference, Transfer, Hold, Drop
6. Shared Secondary-Only Directory Number
7. Six-Way Conference
8. Speed Calling

We have reviewed the cost studies prepared for DEBS service rates and the proposed rates cover their associated cost. While the proposed rates are not the same as the rates for Electronic Business Sets, the differences are due to cost differences and the proposed rates are approximately the same as the rates for Electronic Telephone Service. The Company used the same cost methodology as has previously been used in other Digital ESSX filings. Included in the cost study were the direct costs of material, labor, capital costs, and any directly assignable overhead costs. The Company used a cost of money of 13%, developed internally, and differing from the 11.8% we prescribed in Docket No. 890505-TL. Since ESSX and Digital ESSX are services offered by Southern Bell that are competitive alternatives to PBXs, the higher cost of money that was utilized is permissible. It should be understood that the use of a cost of money different than that officially recognized by this Commission is not an acceptable practice when costing out what we believe to be monopoly services.

The customer impact of this filing will be to provide customers with more options with their digital ESSX service and

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to provide additional options for customers who are served from a 5ESS switch.

Upon consideration of the above, we find it reasonable and appropriate to approve this tariff proposal with an effective date of February 25, 1991.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the tariff proposal (T-90-351) filed by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company on August 14, 1990, to introduce Digital ESSX (r) Digital Electronic Business Set service is hereby approved effective February 25, 1991, as set forth herein. It is further

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

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 12th day of MARCH, 1991.

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STEVE TRIBBLE, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Ferguson  
Chief, Bureau of Records

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

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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 April 2, 1991

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.