

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Proposed tariff filing) DOCKET NO. 930263-TL
to revise regulations for) ORDER NO. PSC-93-0701-FOF-TL
transfer of service in both the) ISSUED: 5/10/93
General Subscriber Service)
Tariff and Private Line Tariff)
by BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)
INC. d/b/a SOUTHERN BELL)
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY)

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman
THOMAS M. BEARD
SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 1, 1993, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed tariff revisions proposing to modify the regulations governing the transfer of service from one subscriber to another. Transfer of service refers to the shifting of financial responsibility for the services and equipment provided by the Company from one subscriber to another. The Company has filed separate tariffs for the General Subscriber Service Tariff (GSST) and the Private Line Tariff.

The proposed tariffs require that all amounts due on an account, including unregulated charges such as directory advertising, would be the responsibility of the party to whom service is transferred. The current tariffs do not define who will take the financial responsibility for a cancelled or abandoned account. The Company maintains that the proposed tariffs will eliminate the possibility of a former subscriber agreeing to pay the existing bill so that the transfer may occur and then refusing to pay after the new subscriber takes over the service.

We believe that the proposed tariffs raise certain issues which require further analysis. Accordingly, we hereby suspend the tariffs as filed, pending further investigation and analysis.

Based on the foregoing, it is

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ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's tariff filings revising the regulations for the transfer of service in both the General Subscriber Service Tariff and Private Line Tariff are hereby suspended. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 10th day of May, 1993.



STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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