

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Proposed tariff filing) DOCKET NO. 930508-TL
to introduce an optional) ORDER NO. PSC-93-1037-FOF-TL
blocking service allowing) ISSUED: July 14, 1993
subscribers to restrict calls to)
usage rated portion of expanded)
local calling area 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
SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 20, 1993, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed tariff revisions proposing to introduce new blocking options to its Customized Code Restriction (CCR) Tariff. The filing proposes options which allow both residential and business subscribers to restrict calls which generate message or usage charges to exchanges in the expanded portion of the local calling area. These revisions are specifically directed at the \$.25 message plan and \$.25 hybrid plan.

Southern Bell indicates that in exchanges where Local Calling Plus service is available, some subscribers have requested the ability to restrict calls which generate usage charges to exchanges in the expanded portion of the local calling area. The proposed tariff revisions provide that capability through CCR Option #1(b) or Option #3(b). The proposed tariff will allow customers who subscribe to the blocking option to restrict access to exchanges which have the \$.25 calling plan. Thus, a call from a line with the blocking option into the restricted exchange will not be able to be completed from that line. The Company did not propose an incremental rate for the new offerings; thus, the same monthly rate applies for Options 1 and 3 regardless of whether or not the \$.25 blocking is requested. Additionally, existing Local Calling Plus

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customers will be able to select the local restriction option without incurring the \$10 service order charge.

The Commission has previously approved 0- and 411 (directory assistance) Customized Code Restrictions. The Company has included language in this tariff which prohibits call aggregators from subscribing to these options. This language addresses our concerns with denying end users in hotels and hospitals access to \$.25 routes. Additionally, Southern Bell states that nonLEC payphone providers are prohibited from subscribing to these options.

We believe this filing is appropriate. A subscriber should have the option of restricting calls from his line that generate additional charges. Further, we believe that by prohibiting call aggregators from subscribing to the blocking options, end users in circumstances which require access to those areas will be protected. Accordingly, we hereby approve the tariff as filed, effective June 25, 1993.

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 introducing an optional blocking service to allow subscribers to restrict calls to usage rated portions of expanded local calling area is approved, effective June 25, 1993. 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.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 14th
day of July, 1993.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Flynn
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 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 August 4, 1993.

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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.