BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request by Dade County Commission for countywide calling within Dade County and Extended Area Service (EAS) from all of Dade County to all of Broward County.	DOCKET NO. 940567-TL
In Re: Request by Broward County Commission for countywide calling within Broward County and Extended Area Service (EAS) from all of Broward County to all of Dade County.	DOCKET NO. 940568-TL ORDER NO. PSC-94-0918-FOF-TL ISSUED: July 26, 1994

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman SUSAN F. CLARK JULIA L. JOHNSON DIANE K. KIESLING

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION ORDER EVALUATING PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC DATA FOR EXTENDED AREA SERVICE

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

Docket No. 940567-TL was initiated pursuant to Resolution No. R-664-94 submitted by the Dade County Commission requesting extended area service (EAS) countywide within Dade County and EAS from all of Dade County to all of Broward County. Docket No. 940568-TL was initiated pursuant to Resolution No. 94-447 submitted by the Broward County Commission requesting extended area service (EAS) countywide within Broward County and EAS from all of Broward County to all of Dade County.

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All of the exchanges within Dade County (Homestead, Miami, North Dade and Perrine) and Broward County (Coral Springs, Deerfield Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Hollywood, North Dade (pocket), and Pompano Beach) are served by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell). All of these exchanges are located in the Southeast LATA (local access transport area).

There are 40 toll routes involved in the EAS requests from Dade and Broward counties. This does not include the routes approved in Docket No. 911034-TL (Broward County request for EAS from Hollywood and Ft. Lauderdale to North Dade and Miami). These routes, North Dade/Ft. Lauderdale, Miami/Hollywood and Miami/Ft. Lauderdale, will not be considered in these dockets because the \$.25 hybrid plan was approved for these routes in the Southern Bell Rate Case Settlement. <u>See</u> Order No. PSC-94-0572-FOF-TL. The \$.25 hybrid plan is scheduled to be implemented on the North Dade/Ft. Lauderdale, Miami/Hollywood and Miami/Ft. Lauderdale routes on January 23, 1995.

Since the 40 routes requested by Dade and Broward counties are intra-company and intraLATA routes, the Commission staff requested in-house traffic study information that Southern Bell may have on these routes. The Company stated it had M/A/M (messages per access line per month) information for October 1992 and April 1994 but that it did not have the distribution data.

Ordinarily, after the Commission staff evaluates an EAS request, an administrative traffic study order is issued. In this case, however, the Commission staff had access to preliminary traffic data from Southern Bell. This in-house traffic data was for October 1992 and April 1994 M/A/M (average messages per access line per month) data on all 40 toll routes, but it did not have the distribution criteria information. At the request of staff, the Company filed its M/A/M data.

A review of the preliminary traffic data indicated that many of the requested routes would not meet our current EAS rules. In fact, the preliminary traffic study showed that 32 of the 35 routes had calling volumes of two (2) M/A/Ms or less with 23 of those having one (1) M/A/M or less. In order to qualify for EAS under our current rules, a route must have a minimum calling volume of Rule 25-4.060(2), Florida three (3) M/A/Ms per month. Administrative Code, further requires that at least 50 percent of the subscribers in the petitioning exchange make two or more calls per month to the larger exchange. Based on the preliminary traffic data, it is doubtful that any of the 35 routes will meet the current rule requirements to qualify for EAS. Because complete

traffic studies are costly, and because the preliminary traffic data indicated that 35 routes did not meet the M/A/M rule requirement, we do not find it reasonable to require Southern Bell to conduct additional traffic studies on routes that have very little calling traffic. The 35 routes are listed below:

ROUTES WITH M/A/MS NOT MEETING EAS RULE

Hollywood/Coral Springs Coral Springs/Homestead Miami/Coral Springs Coral Springs/North Dade North Dade/Coral Springs Coral Springs/Perrine Perrine/Coral Springs Deerfield Beach/Hollywood Hollywood/Deerfield Beach Deerfield Beach/Homestead Homestead/Deerfield Beach Miami/Deerfield Beach Deerfield Beach/North Dade North Dade/Deerfield Beach Deerfield Beach/Perrine Perrine/Deerfield Beach North Dade/Homestead Homestead/North Dade

Fort Lauderdale/Homestead Homestead/Fort Lauderdale Fort Lauderdale/Perrine Hollywood/Homestead Homestead/Hollywood Hollywood/Pompano Beach Pompano Beach/Hollywood Hollywood/Perrine Perrine/Hollywood Pompano Beach/Homestead Homestead/Pompano Beach Miami/Pompano Beach Pompano Beach/North Dade North Dade/Pompano Beach Pompano Beach/Perrine Perrine/Pompano Beach Homestead/Coral Springs

We are currently in the process of revising the EAS rules using community of interest factors in addition to calling volumes in Docket No. 930220-TL. The 35 routes listed above shall not be considered at this time but shall be reevaluated after the conclusion of the EAS rule docket.

Rule 25-4.060(2), Florida Administrative Code, requires a calling rate of at least three (3) M/A/Ms (Messages per Access Line per Month) in cases where the petitioning exchange contains less than half the number of access lines as the exchange to which EAS is desired, to qualify for nonoptional, two-way, flat rate EAS. The calling rates on the routes listed below had calling volumes significant enough to meet the EAS rule requirement for M/A/Ms:

ROUTES WITH M/A/Ms MEETING EAS RULE

Coral Springs/Hollywood Coral Springs/Miami Deerfield Beach/Miami Perrine/Fort Lauderdale Pompano Beach/Miami

Since the calling volumes on the Coral Springs/Hollywood, Coral Springs/Miami, Deerfield Beach/Miami, Perrine/Fort Lauderdale, and Pompano Beach/Miami routes had calling volumes significant enough to meet the three (3) M/A/M rule requirement, we shall require Southern Bell to conduct traffic studies (in one direction) on these routes at this time. A separate traffic study order will be issued for these routes.

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 shall not be required at this time to conduct traffic studies for the 35 routes not meeting the extended area service rule as discussed within the text of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that the 35 routes listed in the text of this Order that did not meet the extended area service requirements shall be evaluated after the conclusion of the EAS rule docket (Docket No. 930220-TL). It is further

ORDERED that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company shall be required to conduct traffic studies (in one direction) on the five routes discussed within the text of this Order. A separate traffic study order will be issued.

It is further

ORDERED that this Order shall become final and effective on the date set forth below if no timely protest is filed pursuant to the requirements set forth below. It is further

ORDERED that these dockets shall remain open until after the conclusion of the generic investigation into extended area service.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this <u>26th</u> day of <u>July</u>, <u>1994</u>.

BLANCA S. BAYO, 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 action proposed herein is preliminary in nature and will not become effective or final, except as provided by Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.029(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a) and (f), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on <u>August 16, 1994</u>.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective on the day subsequent to the above date as provided by Rule 25-22.029(6), Florida Administrative Code.

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 and effective 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 effective date 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.