

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 941109-TL
tariff filing to allow) ORDER NO. PSC-94-1535-FOF-TL
interexchange carriers the) ISSUED: December 12, 1994
capability of self-reporting)
terminating Feature Group D)
Percent Interstate Usage by)
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)
INC. d/b/a SOUTHERN BELL)
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY)
(t-94-546 FILED 10/06/94))

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 6, 1994, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) filed a tariff proposing to require interexchange carriers (IXCs) to self-report their percent interstate usage (PIU) for terminating Feature Group D (FGD) switched access service. PIU is a percentage measurement of interstate minutes relative to the total number of interstate and intrastate minutes carried by an IXC and terminated on a local exchange company's facilities. Southern Bell is unable to determine if incoming traffic carried by IXCs and terminated on Southern Bell's network originated as intrastate or interstate calls. Currently, Southern Bell uses the PIU factor to determine approximately how many minutes are interstate and how many are intrastate. Using the FGD interstate and intrastate switched minutes for calls which originate in Southern Bell's territory, which can be measured, the Company calculates a surrogate factor to determine approximately how many of the IXC's terminating minutes are from interstate or intrastate calls. Southern Bell currently uses this surrogate as an approximation to determine the number of FGD terminating minutes to bill as interstate or intrastate.

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Several IXC's have requested that Southern Bell allow them to self-report terminating FGD PIU because projecting a PIU based on the IXC's known data is more accurate than Southern Bell's surrogate method. Historically, IXC's more often terminated traffic on FGB switched access service, because FGB was less expensive than FGD. Today, IXC's are shifting terminating traffic from FGB to FGD because the access charges for both are now the same, yet FGD service provides the new technology to meet future service offerings and options. In order to be consistent with how PIU is handled on other non-measured services and to ensure accurate billing, Southern Bell proposes that each IXC be required to report a PIU for terminating FGD switched access traffic.

By Order No. 12765 we authorized the local exchange companies to monitor and audit the jurisdictional nature of IXC's traffic. Order No. 17879 requires monthly reporting of PIU by the IXC's, annual reports on audit procedures by the LEC's, and requires IXC records to be readily available. In support of allowing self-reporting, Southern Bell states that the audit and monthly reporting provisions will be sufficient to monitor compliance. Southern Bell also states that the provision proposed here have been approved in South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Louisiana. In addition, filings are pending in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. This proposed revision would mirror the FCC No. 1 tariff change that went into effect on September 1, 1994.

Southern Bell further proposes to make the self-reporting of terminating FGD PIU optional until January 1, 1996 to allow IXC's time to make the necessary changes in their reporting systems. After that time, the IXC's will be required to self-report all terminating FGD traffic.

Upon consideration, we find that the tariff proposing to allow IXC's to self-report PIU for terminating FGD switched access service is appropriate and should be approved. The monthly reporting requirements and routine audits performed assure Southern Bell of a more accurate PIU as compared to the current surrogate method.

Based on the foregoing, it is


ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s tariff proposing to require interexchange carriers (IXC's) to self-report their percent interstate usage (PIU) for terminating Feature Group D (FGD) switched access service is approved, with an effective date of December 5, 1994, as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

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ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirements 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 requirements set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 12th day of December, 1994.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, 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 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, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on January 3, 1995.

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.