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## Public Service Commission

DATE: October 27, 1995  
TO: Parties of Record  
FROM: Blanca S. Bayó, Director *BSB/kb*  
Division of Records and Reporting  
RE: Docket No. 920260-TL - Comprehensive review of the revenue requirements and rate stabilization plan of SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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This is to inform you that Chairman Clark has reported the following communications in the above referenced docket.

- Letter from Senator Matthew J. Meadows, dated September 22, 1995.
- Letter from Representative Earl Ziebarth, dated September 15, 1995.
- Letter from Representative Addie L. Greene, dated September 22, 1995.
- Letter from Senator Charles Williams, dated September 25, 1995.
- Letter from Representative Steven B. Feren, dated September 22, 1995.
- Letter from Representative John C. Rayson, dated September 21, 1995.

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- Letter from Representative Lois Frankel, dated September 26, 1995.

Senators Meadows and Williams, and Representatives Ziebarth, Greene, Feren, Rayson, and Frankel's letters, and Chairman Clark's responses, copies of which are attached, are being made a part of the record in these proceedings. Pursuant to Section 350.042, F.S., any party who desires to respond to an ex parte communication may do so. The response must be received by the Commission within 10 days after receiving notice that the ex parte communication has been placed on the record.

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Attachments

cc: Rob Vandiver/w/letter

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Public Service Commission

October 2, 1995

The Honorable Matthew J. Meadows  
Senator, District 30  
3741 West Broward Boulevard, Suite 206  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33312-1041

Dear Senator Meadows:

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Chairman

c: Division of Records and Reporting  
-- Docket No. 920260-TL

# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

# NEWS RELEASE

September 26, 1995

Contact: Margaret Ring/904-413-6129

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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100



**SENATOR MATTHEW J. MEADOWS**  
30th District

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September 22, 1995

Susan F. Clark, Chairman  
Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Chairman:

I am writing this letter to urge you to reconsider your recent decision regarding the Extended Calling Plan proposed by Southern Bell.

The plan would allow a 25 cent flat rate for calls that are currently a toll call. The plan was the product of a great deal of research, including hundreds of customer requests and consists of 144 two-way routes. The PSC staff, however, has only recommended 35 of the two-way routes. This would be a great deal less advantageous to Broward County residents.

I would appreciate your reconsideration and urge the Commission to adopt the Southern Bell Plan in its entirety.

Please let me know if I, or any of my staff, can be of further assistance.

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Sincerely,

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Florida Public Service Comm.  
Commissioner Clark

  
Matthew J. Meadows  
Senator, 30th District

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Public Service Commission

October 2, 1995

The Honorable Earl Ziebarth  
Representative, District 26  
505 East New York Avenue, Suite One  
DeLand, Florida 32724

Dear Representative Ziebarth:

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-- Docket No. 920260-TL

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# Florida House of Representatives

EARL ZIEBARTH  
REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 26

September 15, 1995

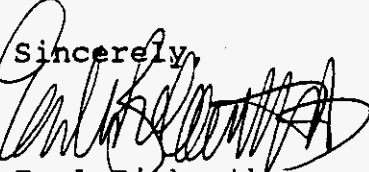
Ms. Susan F. Clark  
Chair  
Public Service Commission  
101 East Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Clark:

Please accept my endorsement that every consideration be given to the request from Southern Bell to add additional two way routes to their flat 25 cent call system. It was certainly an enormous benefit to the residents of DeLand when this 25 cent call system went through to the east side of our county.

It is my hope that you will consider approving all 288 routes that were in the original request. I believe that it would be a tremendous help to my constituents that live in Palm Coast and Bunnell if they were able to reach their Representative in a more cost effective manner.

I encourage the Public Service Commission to approve Southern Bell's proposal in its entirety. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
  
Earl Ziebarth  
State Representative  
District 26

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Public Service Commission

October 2, 1995

The Honorable Addie L. Greene  
Representative, District 84  
330 Clematis Street, Suite 205  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Dear Representative Greene:

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September 22, 1995

Susan F. Clark, Chairman  
Public Service Commissioners  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket # 920260-FL

Dear Commissioner Clark:

It has come to my attention that Southern Bell's proposal will be voted on this September. I have received numerous letters and telephone calls from constituents expressing their support of this extended calling service.

The 25 cent per call flat rate would allow these people the opportunity to speak freely with friends and family who live nearby without watching the clock. Currently, many of the calls are made to neighbors who live ten to fifteen miles away, yet still remain a toll call. It is costing Floridians more money to call in-state residents than those out-of-state.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Addie L. Greene, Representative  
District 84

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Public Service Commission

October 2, 1995

The Honorable Charles Williams  
Senator, District 4  
102 Dowling Avenue  
Live Oak, Florida 32060

Dear Senator Williams:

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**THE FLORIDA SENATE**

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**SENATOR CHARLES WILLIAMS**  
4th District

September 25, 1995

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Ms. Susan F. Clark, Chair  
Office of Public Service Commissioners  
101 East Gaines Street  
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Dear Ms. Clark:

Florida Public Service Comm.  
Commissioner Clark

It is my understanding that the Office of Public Service Commissioners is considering a request from Southern Bell to add 288 two-way routes to their flat rate 25 cent call system.

The communities of Levy County are area communities which rely heavily on the Gainesville area. Cedar Key, in particular, depends on Gainesville for their dentists, doctors and other assistance propitious to their community.

These communities are regional with respect to both business and urban relationships making the 25 cent flat rate more attractive. I encourage your support of the Southern Bell proposal of 288 additional two-way routes and especially request your consideration of the Levy County and Gainesville routes.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Charles Williams  
Senator, 4th District

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Public Service Commission

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Representative, District 98  
Florida House of Representatives  
400 Northwest 73rd Avenue  
Plantation, Florida 33317

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Susan F. Clark, Chairman  
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Florida Public Service Comm.  
Commissioner Clark

RE: Extended rate calling plan

Dear Ms. Clark:

I am writing to you on behalf of the approximately 125,000 residents of District 98 of the Florida House of Representatives. This district, which I have the honor of representing, consists primarily of the cities of Sunrise and Plantation in west Broward County.

My specific concern is with regard to your forthcoming meeting of the Public Service Commission on September 26, 1995. I am unable to attend your meeting personally and so I am taking the liberty of writing to you instead.

The Southern Bell Company, has made a proposal to your Commission to reduce the rates on 288 calling service routes. In essence, it would change telephone calls that are now considered long distance or toll calls to flat rate calls at twenty five cents each, with no time limit. It is my understanding that this is a bare rate reduction, with no offset increase in any other service area. Among the new service lines that would open up as flat rate calls in my district would be calls to Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Boynton Beach, Homestead, and Perrine.

You must understand also that I have a high percentage of retirees in my district living on fixed incomes, and for whom every penny they can save on their long distance telephone bills means that much more they can spend on food and clothing.

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A prime example would be my own mother-in-law, who lives in Sunrise as a retiree and whose only income is social security. She regularly calls her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, her closest relatives and friends outside of my immediate family. They happen to live in Boynton Beach. It would therefore be a significant savings to her, plus an emotional boon, to be able to now speak to them several times a week instead of once, and for as long as she needs.

Sounds like a great idea, doesn't it? But apparently not according to your staff, who have recommended to you that you approve only 70 of these 288 proposed routes.

I cannot fathom why your staff would urge you to take a course of action which will cost my constituents more money than Southern Bell wants to charge them, when allowing the full proposed reduction would cost no one any additional expense.

Coming as it does on the heels of the 954 area code debacle, it is beginning to look to me as if your Commission is out to get Broward County. I am here to tell you that there are eighteen Representatives and Senators, who have plenty of friends, that will not allow this to happen.

I urge you, on behalf of my mother-in-law and the other 124,999 residents of the cities of Sunrise and Plantation in my district, to override your staff's recommendation, and agree to allow all 288 extended calling service routes to be approved.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Steven B. Feren  
Representative, District 98

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cc: Commissioner J. Terry Deason  
Commissioner Julia L. Johnson  
Commissioner Diane K. Riesling  
Commissioner Joe Garcia

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## Public Service Commission

October 2, 1995

The Honorable John C. Rayson  
Representative, District 90  
950 North Federal Highway, Suite 109  
Pompano Beach, Florida 33062

Dear Representative Rayson:

Thank you for your letter of September 21, 1995, in support of Southern Bell's proposal to implement extended calling service (ECS) on a number of routes in its service area.

As you are probably aware, the Commission decided at its September 26, 1995, Agenda Conference, to allow Southern Bell to implement extended calling service on 284 routes. I have enclosed a Florida Public Service Commission news release which explains the Commission's action in greater detail.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

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Susan F. Clark  
Chairman

c: Division of Records and Reporting  
-- Docket No. 920260-TL

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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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September 26, 1995

Contact: Margaret Ring/904-413-6129

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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September 21, 1995

Susan F. Clark, Chair  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Dear Chairwoman Clark:

I am writing in support of the Southern Bell Extended Call Plan that comes before the Commission on September 26, 1995. My district is in Broward County this plan and would be advantageous to all my constituents.

It is my understanding the plan would allow a 25 cent flat rate for calls that are currently a toll call. The plan was a product of a great deal of research, including hundreds of customer requests and consists of 144 two-way routes. The PSC staff, however, has only recommended 35 of the two-way routes. This would be a great deal less advantageous to Broward County residents.

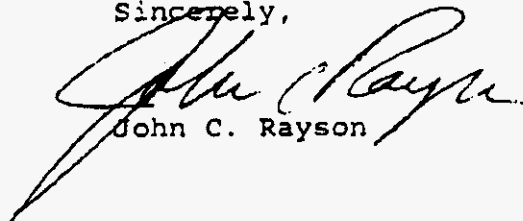
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Representative, District 86  
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West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

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26 September 1995

Ms. Susan Clark, PSC Chairman  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Clark:

This letter is to inform you that my office has received considerable support from constituents in favor of the Southern Bell Extended Calling Service proposal that effects Palm Beach County.

I urge you to give that proposed package your most serious consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Lois Frankel", written in a cursive style.

Lois Frankel  
State Representative District 85

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