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DATE: October 3, 1996

TO: Parties of Record

FROM: Blanca S. Bayó, Director *BSM*
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.

This is to inform you that the Commissioners have reported the following communication in the above referenced docket.

- E-Mail from Mr. Jim Wells from Palm Bay dated October 2, 1996, with the Chairman's response to Mr. Wells.

Mr. Wells' E-Mail and Chairman Clark's response, 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. Please mail your response to the Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870.

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From: Billy Stiles
To: INTERNET @ TRC
Subject: Response to e-mail message re BellSouth Tariff

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CC: Blanca Bayo, Bob Elias, Carol Purvis, Kay Posey, Robin Norton, Sally Si

ADDR:
TO NN=wells@bb.iu.net
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Mr. Wells,

Chairman Clark received your recent e-mail message regarding BellSouth's Tariff Proposal. Public Service Commissioners are prohibited by Section 350.042, Florida Statutes, from either receiving or initiating communications off the record involving open dockets. Because the matter addressed in your e-mail message is pending in Docket No. 920260-TL, the Chairman is unable to correspond with you.

The Commission will hold a hearing in this matter on October 30-31, 1996, in Tallahassee. After the hearing, the Commission's staff will review the hearing record and render a written recommendation to the Commissioners addressing the issues identified in the proceeding. The staff's recommendation is scheduled to be filed on December 5, 1996. The Commission will vote on the staff's recommendation at its December 17, 1996, Agenda Conference. The October 7, 1996, prehearing to which you referred in your e-mail message is a public meeting where the parties assemble before the Prehearing Officer for the purpose of deciding the issues to be addressed.

In accordance with Section 350.042, F.S., I will have the Commission's Division of Records and Reporting place a copy of this e-mail message, which includes your e-mail message to the Chairman, on the record of the proceeding where it will be available for review. Also, the Division of Records and Reporting will distribute a copy of your e-mail message to all parties of record and give them ten days to respond.

Sincerely,
Wilbur Stiles
Assistant to the Chairman

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Subject: BellSouth Tariff Prehearing 10/7/96
Cc: jim@bb.iu.net, randy@bb.iu.net

The Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission

Dear Commissioners,

There will be a prehearing:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

Tallahassee
920260-TL - BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

CL

Prehearing

9:30 a.m. - Hearing Room 148

This material is taken from the schedule of hearings on the WWW. My understanding is that BellSouth will apply for changes in the tariffs for ISDN service.

As a small business person whose livelihood is very dependant on the present tariffs, I wish to protest what I have been told (by BellSouth) these proposed changes will do.

My understanding is that the proposed tariffs will change ISDN from a flat rate service paid for by the month to a metered service which would be paid for by the minute after a certain number of hours.

My problem is that I have many business customers who are using ISDN to obtain a "dedicated" connection between their company and mine and thus to the Internet. At present the monthly cost of such an arrangement (bills from BellSouth) is about \$220 (for both ends together). I believe the proposed tariffs would raise the cost to three or four times that amount. In most cases that would make the service infeasible and I would have to make other arrangements or lose the customers.

My situation is duplicated many times in Florida at almost every small Internet Service Provider like myself. I believe that dozens of Internet Service Providers will be effected as well as hundreds or thousands of their customers.

In my opinion it makes no sense to meter this service. It would be as sensible to meter regular POTS local calls. I don't think there is a cost justification for doing so. Other jurisdictions have been petitioned in a similar way and have said no.

I think it may also be in BellSouth's best interest to put small Internet Service Providers out of this business so that it can take over the business itself. I think there is a clear conflict of interest between BellSouth as the only source for this service and BellSouth as a competitive provider of Internet access.

I am writing to briefly make my case and to enquire regarding the steps I can take to argue against this tariff proposal. I would very much appreciate your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Jim Wells
InternetU
Palm Bay, Florida