

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Emergency petitions for ) DOCKET NO. 951197-TP  
authority to waive certain ) ORDER NO. PSC-95-1306-FOF-TP  
regulated interexchange and ) ISSUED: October 24, 1995  
local exchange charges in the )  
Hurricane Opal impact areas. )  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

ORDER APPROVING PETITION TO WAIVE CHARGES FOR LOCAL CALLS

AND

IMPLEMENTING EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURES  
FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

BY THE COMMISSION:

I. BACKGROUND

Hurricane Opal has caused severe damage in the Florida Panhandle. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell) and AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (ATT-C), as well as other telecommunications companies, seek to render some relief to the victims in the areas where damage is severe. In order to accommodate emergency conditions and provide the needed relief, there may be the need for the Company to provide service in a manner not consistent with the normal Commission filing and review process for tariffs and rules. Because of the tremendous need for getting services in place, only the most basic requirements should be placed on temporary services being made available.

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first month's monthly charge for Message Waiting Indication; and a waiver of Late Payment Charges for sixty days.

The petition appears designed to render some temporary relief to the victims of Hurricane Opal in those areas that were severely damaged. Upon consideration we find that Southern Bell's expanded request for relief for victims of Hurricane Opal should be granted. We note that our actions disposing of the petitions herein are consistent with the Commission's actions in response to the problems stemming from Hurricane Andrew in South Florida in August, 1992.

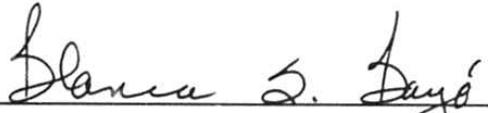
Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Emergency Waiver Process set forth above shall govern filing of waivers for the duration of the emergency stemming from Hurricane Opal. It is further

ORDERED that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's Emergency Petition for waiver of certain charges in response to emergency conditions stemming from Hurricane Opal is approved as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 24th day of October, 1995.

  
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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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/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 after the issuance 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.