

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

March 1, 1996

Nashville, Tennessee

**IN RE:       TARIFF FILING BY SOUTH CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE  
              COMPANY TO GRANDFATHER ESSX AND DIGITAL ESSX  
              SERVICE, AND INTRODUCE MULTISERV AND MULTISERV PLUS  
              SERVICE (TARIFF 95-226)**

**DOCKET NO. 95-03805**

**FINAL ORDER**

On October 2, 1995, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BST), formerly doing business as South Central Bell Telephone Company in Tennessee, filed with the Tennessee Public Service Commission (Commission) revisions to specific sections of its General Subscriber Services Tariff, Private Line Services Tariff and Access Services Tariff (Tariff Filing) in order to grandfather the existing central office based telecommunications services marketed as ESSX and Digital ESSX services and to introduce MultiServ and MultiServ PLUS services as substitute services for said ESSX and Digital ESSX services.

This Commission, having considered the documents, pleadings and evidence before it, finds as follows:

- 1)       On October 31, 1995, AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. (AT&T) filed a Petition to Intervene in this proceeding.
- 2)       On November 3, 1995, Time Warner AxS of Tennessee, L.P. (Time Warner) filed its Petition for Leave to Intervene.
- 3)       On November 14, 1995, the Commission entered an Order allowing the AT&T and Time Warner interventions and suspending BST's Tariff Filing pending further investigation.

4) On December 22, 1995 the Commission further suspended the Tariff Filing and set a Prehearing Conference in this matter.

5) On February 20, 1996 the parties to this proceeding filed a Consent Order of Disposition, which provided for the withdrawal of the interventions of AT&T and Time Warner and the approval of the Tariff Filing effective upon the Commission's vote at its Commission Conference on February 20, 1996.

6) MultiServ and MultiServ PLUS services are similar to ESSX and Digital ESSX services. These central office based services compete with Key Systems and PBX-based services offered by many other competitors. These new services were developed to reduce the overall complexity of the service offerings and to respond to customer demand for simplified ordering and billing procedures. The tariffs were designed for new business customers while giving existing ESSX and Digital ESSX customers several options to either convert their service over time or cancel their service and subscribe to a competitive service offering. The Tariff Filing also introduces several new features as a part of the MultiServ and MultiServ PLUS offerings. Upon a review of the tariff provisions, the Commission finds that the Tariff Filing is in the public interest and should therefore be approved.


**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

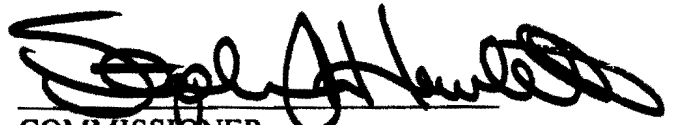
1. That BST's Tariff Filing dated October 2, 1995, grandfathering BST's ESSX and Digital ESSX services and introducing MultiServ and MultiServ PLUS services as substitute services for said ESSX and Digital ESSX services are just, reasonable and in the public interest;

2. That BST's proposed tariff revisions as filed on October 2, 1995 are hereby accepted and approved to be effective on February 20, 1996. BST is hereby ordered to file with this Commission tariff pages identical to BST's October 2, 1995 Tariff Filing approved herein in order to reflect the aforesaid effective date.


3. That any party aggrieved with the Commission's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Commission within ten (10) days from and after the date of this Order;

4. That any party aggrieved with the Commission's decision in this matter has the right of judicial review by filing a Petition for Review in the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Middle Section, within sixty (60) days from and after the date of this Order.

  
CHAIRMAN

  
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

  
COMMISSIONER