

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff filing to) DOCKET NO. 910803-TL
request bill subscriber line charges)
to Centrex Customers by QUINCY) ORDER NO. 25133
TELEPHONE COMPANY)
ISSUED: 9/27/91

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman
SUSAN F. CLARK
J. TERRY DEASON
BETTY EASLEY
MICHAEL MCK. WILSON

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 3, 1991, Quincy Telephone Company (Quincy or the Company) filed revisions to its General Services Tariff to request authorization to bill Subscriber Line Charges (SLC) to centrex customers based on a trunk equivalency. Presently, Quincy bills the SLC for all centrex lines on a per line basis.

The SLC stems from a regulatory principle that interstate charges may be assessed to a service offering when a portion of the cost of providing that service is assigned to the interstate jurisdiction pursuant to the jurisdictional separations procedures set forth in Part 36 of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Rules. Part 36 operates to assign a portion of local exchange line costs to the interstate jurisdiction where the lines may be used jointly for exchange and toll message service.

Presently, Quincy bills all centrex lines for SLCs on a per line basis as opposed to a trunk equivalency. The Company asserts that if it is allowed to bill the SLC portion of its interstate common line requirement to centrex customers on a trunk equivalency basis instead of billing the charge for each centrex line, the centrex customers will be billed more like PBX customers. Thus, the centrex service will be able to compete more equally with PBX. The instant tariff filing will allow Quincy to partially offset the SLC by use of trunk equivalencies.

The proposed change will result in a difference between the actual interstate revenues and interstate revenues recognized by the FCC. This Commission has permitted Centel and Southern Bell to recover the revenue shortfall by allowing the companies to transfer intrastate revenue to interstate revenue for regulatory purposes.

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The current centrex rates exceed the fully allocated costs of the service and provide a contribution to the common costs of the Company. When applying the trunk equivalency method, it is important that the rates for the centrex service continue to cover cost; upon examination, we find that they do. Additionally, we find that the rates applied to the centrex service, including the trunk equivalency, are similar to those approved for Southern Bell and Centel.

Upon consideration, Quincy's tariff filing to bill subscriber line charges to centrex customers based on a trunk equivalency is approved with an effective date of September 11, 1991.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Quincy Telephone Company's tariff filing to bill subscriber line charges to Centrex customers based on a trunk equivalency is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the tariff shall go into effect on September 11, 1991. If a timely protest is filed, this tariff shall remain in effect with any increases held subject to refund. If no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 27th
day of SEPTEMBER, 1991.



STEVE TRIBBLE, 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 at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on 10/18/91

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 sewer 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.

MEMORANDUM

September 26, 1991

TO: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (MURPHY) *cm TL*

RE: DOCKET NO. 910803-TL

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Attached is an ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING in the above-referenced docket, which is ready to be issued.

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Attachment

cc: Division of Communications

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