

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for a rate) DOCKET NO. 920310-TL
increase by CENTRAL TELEPHONE) ORDER NO. PSC-92-0684-PCO-TL
COMPANY OF FLORIDA.) ISSUED: 07/21/92
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO ALLOW
MORE THAN 30 INTERROGATORIES

On April 3, 1992, Central Telephone Company of Florida (Centel) filed a letter requesting approval of a projected test year for the purposes of filing Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs) in a contemplated rate case. Pursuant to our usual practice in such situations this docket was opened in anticipation of this rate case. On April 8, 1992, the Office of Public Counsel filed a Notice of Intervention in this docket. Since then a considerable amount of discovery has been conducted. On July 10, 1992, OPC filed a Motion to Allow More than 30 Interrogatories. On July 17, 1992, Centel filed a Memorandum in Opposition to OPC's Motion.

I have reviewed the Public Counsel's Motion to Allow More Than 30 Interrogatories, and Centel's Memorandum in Opposition. In view of the magnitude of the rate increase and the significant revenues at issue in large utility filings before this Commission, I find it appropriate to grant the Motion of the Public Counsel. Although I have not issued an Order Establishing Procedure in this docket, that does not mean that a 30 interrogatory cap should be assumed. At the time such an order is issued, I will consider what type of limitation will be placed on discovery, taking into consideration the factors unique to this case. At least until the issuance of a procedural order, interrogatories should be limited to 350. Any interrogatories that were due prior to this date and were objected to solely on the basis of being in excess of the 30 interrogatory cap, shall be produced by July 24, 1992; all others shall be due at the normal time.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner J. Terry Deason, as Prehearing Officer, that Interrogatories in this docket shall be limited to 350 until the issuance of a Procedural Order. It is further

ORDERED that any interrogatories that were due prior to this date and were objected to solely on the basis of being in excess of the 30 interrogatory cap, shall be produced by July 27, 1992; all others shall be due at the normal time.


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By ORDER of J. Terry Deason, as Commissioner and Prehearing Officer, this 21st day of July, 1992.



J. TERRY DEASON, Commissioner
and Prehearing Officer

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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 this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.038(2), Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) 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 or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.