

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 951067-TL
tariff filing to offer Business) ORDER NO. PSC-95-1334-FOF-TL
Integrated Services Digital) ISSUED: November 1, 1995
Network (ISDN) service by Vista-)
United Telecommunications (T-95-)
559 filed 9/1/95).)
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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 TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 1, 1995, Vista-United Telecommunications (Vista-United) filed a tariff to offer Basic Rate Interface ISDN service for business customers in its General Exchange Service tariff. Vista-United has received requests to provide ISDN from a number of business customers including businesses with data applications, real estate companies, and broadcast companies. ISDN is a telecommunications network architecture that provides for the simultaneous transmission of voice and data over a single access line. One can think of ISDN as an "information pipeline" providing end-to-end digital connectivity between an end-user's premises and a central office.

Transmission of voice and data over ISDN architecture is done through the use of two types of channels. The "B" channel is used to carry voice and data. The "D" channel is used to provide signalling. The "D" channel determines if information is ready to be received. There are two types of ISDN mediums: Basic Rate Interface (BRI) and Primary Rate Interface (PRI). BRI is provided using two "B" channels and one "D" channel. PRI is provided by twenty-three "B" channels and one "D" channel. Both BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell) and GTE Florida Incorporated each currently offer ISDN-BRI service.

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Vista-United's proposed service consists of two rate elements, a charge for Basic Rate Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) Access Arrangement and a charge for channels activated. Basic Rate DSL provides a customer with access to the telephone network. This is the actual "pipeline" facility. It provides access for up to two 64 kilobit per second (kbps) "B" channels and one 16 kbps "D" channel. The charge for channels activated refers to the "B" channels used to transmit voice/data. The rates proposed by the company for BRI ISDN Business service are identical to those rates charged by Southern Bell for its BRI ISDN Business service. Vista-United did not conduct a cost study in support of these rates. We believe however, that the rates are appropriate because they are the same as Southern Bell's previously approved rates for providing the same service.

We believe Vista-United's customers will benefit from the option of subscribing to this service. ISDN provides customers enhanced access for a number of applications, including desk top publishing, telecommuting, and screen sharing. Businesses can use ISDN to transmit documents at high speed from one location to another. ISDN can be used to provide packet switched data transmission between computers in a local area network, as well as allowing multiple access of data bases. ISDN can also be used to provide videoconferencing. Although there are other mediums for providing the same applications, ISDN provides customers with another choice for using these applications. Business customers in the surrounding Southern Bell and GTEFL territories already have access to Basic Rate Interface ISDN service. Accordingly, we approve Vista-United's tariff, effective October 31, 1995.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Vista-United Telecommunications's tariff to offer Basic Rate Interface ISDN service is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that this tariff shall be effective October 31, 1995. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, this tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 1st
day of November, 1995.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

by: Kay Flynn
Chief, Bureau of Records

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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, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on November 22, 1995.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

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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 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 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.