

effective December 1993, and also approved in concept by this Commission in Docket No. 921074-TP. See Order No. PSC-95-0034-FOF-TP, issued January 9, 1995. United Telephone Company of Florida (United) and Central Telephone Company of Florida (Centel) now propose to eliminate IXC non-recurring charges associated with re-routing trunks between tandem offices and end offices in connection with the restructure of LEC local transport tariffs.

The LECs are currently operating under an interim rate structure for interstate access. Specifically, the local transport switched access rate element is no longer a single, per minute rate. Instead, it is composed of various distance sensitive rates for entrance facilities, direct-trunked transport, and tandem-switched transport. This rate structure results in different charges to IXC customers depending on how they configure their trunking arrangements for local transport.

The same rate structure was approved in concept in Florida in Docket No. 921074-TP. Proposed tariffs to implement the local transport restructure order were filed September 5, 1995. Further review may be necessary. In the meantime, both the FCC and the FPSC have authorized LECs to allow IXCs a period of time to configure their trunking arrangements more efficiently without incurring all the costs that would normally be assessed. This has been accomplished by waiving the non-recurring charges associated with converting trunks from tandem-switched to direct-trunked or vice versa, as well as charges associated with discontinuing overprovisioned trunks.

In this filing, United and Centel have proposed to provide waivers of the applicable NRCs for an unlimited period of time in order to allow the IXCs to plan and order their switched transport services efficiently. United and Centel consider it to their advantage to grant the IXCs this level of flexibility, because the LECs will not then be bombarded with a lot of orders just prior to the expiration date of a waiver. The companies state that it is not their intention to make the waivers permanent but to leave them in place until all IXCs have converted their networks to their satisfaction. It is contemplated that the waivers will stay in place until after the local transport restructure tariffs are approved.

We recognize the incentive that LECs have to allow the IXCs sufficient flexibility to reconfigure their networks. Thus, LECs want to encourage IXCs to continue to take local transport service from them after other carriers, such as AAVs, are positioned to compete for that traffic. The revenue impact to LECs, due to these

reconfiguration, has been minimal since IXCs have generally modified only a small portion of their trunking arrangements. For United and Centel, the foregone revenue resulting from the NRC waiver is \$300 per trunk. The current tariff delineates the specific conditions under which the NRC waiver is granted. The companies now propose to delete the expiration dates of these waivers. The effect of this is to eliminate the non-recurring charges for trunk reconfiguration associated with the restructure of LEC Local Transport rates.

Upon review, we find that these proposed tariffs are reasonable and approve them with an effective date of October 14, 1995.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that United Telephone Company of Florida's tariff to eliminate interexchange carrier non-recurring charges associated with re-routing trunks between tandem offices and end offices in connection with the restructure of local exchange company transport tariffs is hereby approved with an effective date of October 14, 1995. It is further

ORDERED that Central Telephone Company of Florida's tariff to eliminate interexchange carrier non-recurring charges associated with re-routing trunks between tandem offices and end offices in connection with the restructure of local exchange company transport tariffs is hereby approved with an effective date of October 14, 1995. It is further

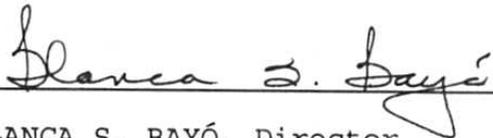
ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, these tariffs shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that a protest of the decision in one docket does not prevent the decision in the other docket from becoming final. It is further

ORDERED that if no protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, these dockets shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 3rd
day of November, 1995.



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.

The Commission's decision on these tariffs 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 27, 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 these dockets 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.