

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Notice of election of price regulation by The Florala Telephone Company, Inc.	)	DOCKET NO. 960766-TL
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In Re: Notice of election of price regulation by the Gulf Telephone Company.	)	DOCKET NO. 960767-TL
_____	)	
In Re: Notice of election of price regulation by the St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company.	)	DOCKET NO. 960768-TL
_____	)	ORDER NO. PSC-96-1108-FOF-TL
	)	ISSUED: August 29, 1996

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 ACKNOWLEDGING ELECTIONS  
OF PRICE REGULATION

BY THE COMMISSION:

Section 364.051, Florida Statutes, created by Chapter 95-403, Laws of Florida, allows local exchange companies (LECs) to elect price regulation effective January 1, 1996. On June 25, 1996, The Florala Telephone Company, Inc. (Florala), Gulf Telephone Company (Gulf), and St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company (St. Joe) each filed notifications of election of price regulation effective June 25, 1996.

Pursuant to Section 364.051(2)(b), Florida Statutes:

Upon the date of filing its election with the commission, the rates for basic local telecommunications service of a company that elects to become subject to this section shall be capped at the rates in effect on that date and shall remain capped as state in paragraph (a).

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Floralá, Gulf and St. Joe filed their notices of price regulation on November 1, 1995. Accordingly, we acknowledge the elections and note that, effective June 25, 1995, the companies will be subject to the price regulation provisions set forth in 364.051.

In addition to the basic local telecommunications services being capped, there are caps related to some non-basic services and network access services. See Sections 364.051(6) and 364.163, Florida Statutes. Both sections reference the July 1, 1995 date as the cap for rates. Section 364.051(6) (a) provides:

[F]or purposes of this subsection, the prices of:

1. A voice-grade, flat-rate, multi-line business local exchange service, including multiple individual lines, centrex lines, private branch exchange trunks, and any associated hunting services, that provides dial tone and local usage necessary to place a call within a local exchange calling area; and

2. Telecommunications services provided under contract service arrangements to the SUNCOM Network, as defined in chapter 282,

shall be capped at the rates in effect on July 1, 1995, and such rates shall not be increased prior to January 1, 1999; . . .

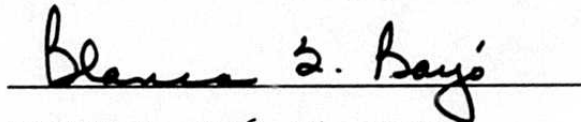
Accordingly, Floralá, Gulf, and St. Joe's rates for protected non-basic services shall be capped at the rates in effect on July 1, 1995.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that The Floralá Telephone Company, Inc., Gulf Telephone Company, and St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company's elections of price regulation are hereby acknowledged as set forth in the body of this Order.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 29th  
day of August, 1996.



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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) 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 and/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 after the issuance of this order, 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.