

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 961348-TL
tariff filing to add local) ORDER NO. PSC-96-1542-FOF-TL
channel bridging charges and) ISSUED: December 17, 1996
digital network services by)
Northeast Florida Telephone)
Company, Inc. (T-96-943 filed)
10/30/96) _)

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 FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

Northeast Florida Telephone Company, Inc.'s (Northeast or the Company) tariff filing, proposes to add provisions for Local Channel Bridging Charge and Digital Network Services.

The monthly rate and nonrecurring rate for the Local Channel (per End User Point of Termination) and the Local Channel (2120) are now specifically provided in Section A10.1.2 A.1., rather than by reference to AT&T's Private Line Tariff. The Local Channel Bridging port charge is applicable where one or more local channels are bridged or hubbed at the same wire center.

The nonrecurring and monthly rates are:

	<u>Nonrecurring Rate</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Local Channel (per End User Termination)	\$24.10	\$16.10
Local Channel (2120)	24.10	16.10
Bridging - Per Port	. 24.10	6.70

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Digital Network Service (T-1 Service) rates have also been added. A Digital Local Channel is furnished between a serving wire center and the customer's premises. The rates are:

	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>	<u>Month to Month</u>	<u>36 Mos.</u>	<u>60 Mos.</u>	<u>84 Mos.</u>
Local Channel: First 1/2 Mi.	\$300	\$90	\$89	\$89	\$88
Add'l 1/2 Mi. each	-	38	37	37	35
Interoffice Channel: 0-8 Miles					
Fixed Mo. Rate	100	60	58		57
Each Mile	-	26	22		18
9-25 Miles					
Fixed Mo. Rate	100	60	58	58	57
Each Mile	-	24	20	18	16
Over 25 Miles	100	60	58	58	57
Each Mile	-	22	18	16	14

The Service Connection Charges for T-1 Services are:

	Nonrecurring Charge
Service Establishment Charge Per T-1 Service Channel, each	\$575
Service Change Charge Per T-1 Service Channel: For Inside Moves, each	350
Per Transfer of Responsibility, each	350
Premises Visit Charge Per Digital Local Channel or for an Inside Move, Per Visit	37

The rates and charges cover incremental costs and fall within the range of rates and charges of other local exchange companies (LECs) for similar services.

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Northeast has included a provision to provide a discount to subscribers (rural health care and elementary and secondary schools) that meet the criteria and definitions of Section 254 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Upon consideration, we approve this tariff modification. This tariff shall become effective on November 29, 1996.

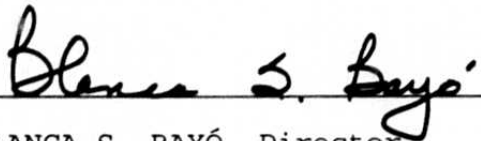
Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Northeast Florida Telephone Company's request for approval of tariff filing adding local channel bridging charges and digital network services is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the tariff shall become effective November 29, 1996. If a protest is filed within 21 days from the issuance date of the order, the tariff should remain in effect pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 17th day of December, 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.

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 January 7, 1997.

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 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.