

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval of
tariff filing to introduce
digital channel service by
ALLTEL Florida, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 970849-TL
ORDER NO. PSC-97-1003-FOF-TL
ISSUED: August 22, 1997

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIA L. JOHNSON, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
SUSAN F. CLARK
DIANE K. KIESLING
JOE GARCIA

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 30, 1997 ALLTEL Florida, Inc. (ALLTEL or the company) filed a tariff to introduce Digital Channel Service. Digital Channel Service (DCS) is an optional packaged service arrangement that is used in conjunction with a customer's business trunks. DCS packages Private Branch Exchange trunks and DID trunks with a T-1 transmission facility.

DCS facilities provide an intraexchange connection between a customer's premises and his or her local serving central office. Depending on the application, the customer's premises equipment might be a PBX, a router, a multiplexer, etc. DCS is based on DS1/DSO technology, also known as T-1 service. This service arrangement uses the DS1/DSO architecture to provide a 1.544 MBPS (Mega bits per second) connection. The customer is then provided the capability to transmit either voice, data, or a combination of voice and data over 56 KBPS (Kilobits per second) channels of that digital facility. Each DS1 facility provides up to twenty four 56 Kbps (DSO) channels.

ALLTEL is proposing to establish Digital Channel Service to business customers at a nonrecurring charge of \$700 per DCS facility; a monthly recurring charge of \$300; and a distance extension charge (per repeater) of \$95 per month. In addition ALLTEL will apply a trunk charge for each channel activated, unless the customer commits to a term plan. Under a term plan, the rate for the trunk will be a discount of the trunk charge. The discount percentage depends on the number of months in the customer's term

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agreement. Customers can choose from term payment plans of 12, 24, 36, 48, or 60 months. The discounts off the normal exchange trunk monthly rates are 43%, 45%, 47%, 50%, and 53%, respectively. When subsequent feature additions and changes are ordered or modified after the initial installation of DCS, a nonrecurring charge of \$35.00 will be applied in addition to the normal charges. Only one service charge will apply when multiple features are added or changed on a DCS facility as part of the same service order.

Upon review of the tariff, we believe that the company's proposal is reasonable. Customers served by ALLTEL will now receive a service that is currently provided to other customers throughout Florida.

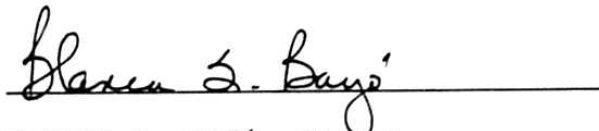
It is, therefore

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that ALLTEL Florida, Inc.'s tariff to introduce Digital Channel Service is approved. It is further

ORDERED that this tariff filing shall become effective August 5, 1997. 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.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 22nd day of August, 1997.



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 120.569(1), 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.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

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 September 12, 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.