

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Tariff proposal by NORTHEAST )	DOCKET NO. 881581-TL
FLORIDA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. to )	
establish a late payment charge of )	ORDER NO. 20791
1-1/2% of amount outstanding as of the )	
next bill date )	ISSUED: 2-21-89
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

- MICHAEL MCK. WILSON, Chairman
- THOMAS M. BEARD
- BETTY EASLEY
- JOHN T. HERNDON

ORDER ACCEPTING WITHDRAWAL OF TARIFF AND CLOSING DOCKET

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 6, 1989, Northeast Telephone Company filed a tariff proposing to institute a late payment charge. During consideration of this tariff at our January 3, 1989 Agenda Conference, the question arose concerning when Northeast's late payment charge would be assessed. In comparing Northeast's proposal to those of other companies, we noted that there appeared to be differences among the other companies that currently impose a late payment charge. The central question was whether the fee was delayed until the local service period has been "consumed". We deferred consideration of this tariff to the January 31, 1989, Agenda Conference to investigate the late payment practices of the other LECs.

In the interim, Northeast asked to withdraw the tariff. The Company claims that the annual revenue from this tariff would be only \$2,000 - \$5,000 and that this revenue could barely cover the expense of billing system changes to accommodate the Commission's late payment policies. As a result, the Company no longer believes the charge will be beneficial.

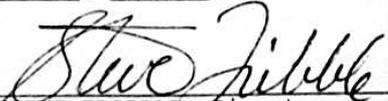
Upon consideration, we find it appropriate to grant the Company's request to withdraw the tariff. We further find it appropriate to close this Docket.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Northeast Telephone Company's request to withdraw its proposed late payment charge tariff is granted. It is further

ORDERED that this Docket be and the same is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 21st day of FEBRUARY, 1989.

  
 STEVE TRIBBLE, Director  
 Division of Records and Reporting

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