

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff filing) DOCKET NO. 921112-TL
to introduce Signaling System 7) ORDER NO. PSC-92-1419-FOF-TL
(SS7) out of band signaling as a) ISSUED: 12/08/92
non-chargeable switched access)
optional feature by GTE FLORIDA)
INCORPORATED.)
_____)

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman
SUSAN F. CLARK
J. TERRY DEASON
BETTY EASLEY
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 12, 1992, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL or the Company) filed tariff revisions to offer Out of Band Signaling System 7 (SS7) as a non-chargeable option with Switched Access Feature Group D service. GTEFL states that SS7 will enable the Company to improve the quality of its exchange services, exchange access services, and intraLATA toll services through increased network efficiency.

The SS7 network employs "out of band" signaling that carries call related information over a facility separate from the voice/data path. The separation of the call related and voice/data functions allows voice transmissions to utilize the complete bandwidth of the trunk, resulting in reduced trunk quantities and greater network efficiency. SS7 Out of Band Signaling will permit faster call set up, faster call completion, and faster call tear down. The use of SS7 in conjunction with switched access services is part of GTEFL's ongoing modernization of its network. SS7 deployment is based on the total view of existing and future services, network evolution, and market needs.

This tariff resembles the Southern Bell's Common Channel Signaling Access Capability tariff which we approved on June 22, 1991. Upon consideration, we approve GTEFL's October 12, 1992, tariff filing.

Based upon the foregoing it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that GTE Florida Incorporated's tariff proposal to offer Signaling System 7

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Out of Band Signaling and related features as non-chargeable switched access options with Switched Access Feature Group D service is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the tariff shall become effective on December 11, 1992. If a timely protest is filed, this tariff shall remain in effect with any increase 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 8th day of December, 1992.



STEVE TRIBBLE, 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 at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on December 29, 1992.

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.