

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Tariff request to ) DOCKET NO. 930053-TL  
transfer an area from the Plant ) ORDER NO. PSC-93-0336-FOF-TL  
City exchange into the Lakeland ) ISSUED: 03/04/93  
exchange. )  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman  
THOMAS M. BEARD  
SUSAN F. CLARK  
JULIA L. JOHNSON  
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING  
AND CHANGING EXCHANGE BOUNDARIES

On October 29, 1992, GTE Florida, Inc. (GTEFL) filed a tariff to transfer an area from the Plant City exchange into the Lakeland exchange. The Company states that while formulating the proposed expansion of the Extended Calling Service (ECS) filed in its rate case, GTEFL learned that approximately 255 customers in the northeast corner of the Plant City exchange (Hillsborough County) were being served from the Lakeland North central office in the Lakeland exchange (Polk County). According to GTEFL, this service arrangement was initiated sometime in the past because there was no access to this remote part of the Plant City exchange. The only roads into and out of the area continue to be from the north Lakeland area.

The Company was requested to survey the customers to determine from which exchange, Plant City or Lakeland, they preferred to receive local service. The survey provided information on what would occur if the customers wanted to change to the Plant City exchange (such as changing the number and calling scope). The rates would not have changed since Lakeland and Plant City are in the same rate group.

GTEFL mailed a questionnaire to the affected customers on August 28, 1992, and the customers were given 30 days to respond. The results of the survey show that 226 of the responses (89%) voted to continue being served from the Lakeland exchange, 3 voted to change service to the Plant City exchange and 26 responses were not returned. The Company stated on the questionnaire that a "no vote" would be counted in favor of transferring to the Plant City exchange.

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We should note that these customers are located in Hillsborough county and have chosen to be served from the Lakeland exchange which is located in Polk County. According to GTEFL, 911 for these customers is currently provided from Hillsborough County. There will be no change in 911 service as a result of this boundary change.

Since the majority of the 255 customers (89%) voted to retain their existing service, there will be no customer impact. Therefore, we find that GTEFL's tariff request to transfer this area located in the Plant City exchange into the Lakeland exchange should be approved effective February 5, 1993.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the tariff filing by GTE Florida, Inc. to transfer an area from the Plant City Exchange into the Lakeland is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that any protest of this Order shall be filed pursuant to the requirements set forth below. It is further

ORDERED if a protest is timely filed, the tariff of this order shall remain in effect with any increased revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

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

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 4th day of March, 1993.

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STEVE TRIBBLE, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Jegan  
Chief, Bureau of Records

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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 March 25, 1993.

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.