

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 930369-TL
tariff filing to increase the) ORDER NO. PSC-93-0789-FOF-TL
returned check charge by UNITED) ISSUED: May 24, 1993
TELEPHONE COMPANY OF FLORIDA.)
_____)

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 AMENDMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 9, 1993, United Telephone Company of Florida (United) filed a tariff amendment to increase its charge for returned checks from the current \$15.00 or 5% of the amount of the check, whichever is greater, to \$20.00 or 5% of the amount of the check, whichever is greater. The amendment conforms with the 1991 statutory changes. United's tariff simply brings the tariff into conformance with the statutes.

The impact of this tariff amendment will be limited to those subscribers whose checks are not honored. This amendment will simply raise the charge for processing the dishonored checks to the maximum allowed by law. Furthermore, this amendment places the cost of processing dishonored checks on those who create the cost. Accordingly, we find it appropriate to approve United's amendment.

We also find it appropriate to authorize staff to administratively approve similar tariffs filed by other local exchange companies.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the tariff amendment filed by United Telephone Company of Florida and described in the body of this order is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that similar tariff amendments by other local exchange companies shall be approved administratively. It is further

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

ORDERED that if a protest is timely filed, the tariff 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 24th day of May, 1993.



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 June 14, 1993.

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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.