

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff filing by UNITED ) DOCKET NO. 900157-TL  
 TELEPHONE COMPANY OF FLORIDA to remove )  
 restrictions regarding Meet Point Billing ) ORDER NO. 22803  
 of Feature Group B Access Service and )  
 Special Access Service (T-90-073, Filed ) ISSUED: 4-11-90  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHAEL McK. WILSON, Chairman  
 THOMAS M. BEARD  
 BETTY EASLEY  
 GERALD L. GUNTER  
 JOHN T. HERNDON

FINAL ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 23, 1990, United Telephone Company of Florida (United) filed a tariff proposing the removal of restrictions on meet point billing of Feature Group B Access Service and Special Access Service. United's tariff currently restricts Feature Group B Access Service and Special Access Service to being billed using the end office method. In a switched environment involving service provided by two local exchange companies, the end office company is the billing company. The non-billing company is compensated at the billing company's rate. The meet point billing method is a means of removing the inequities of end office billing.

Meet point billing is the partitioning of the revenues between service providers derived from the provision of a service that originates in one local exchange company's (LEC's) territory and terminates in another's territory. The revenues derived from this service must be split between the two LECs. The portion going to each LEC is determined by the interconnection point at which the service originating in one territory connects to, or "meets," that same service in the adjoining territory. The interconnection point, or IP, is not an arbitrary point, but is established by the National Exchange Carriers Association in conjunction with the participating carriers.

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At the interstate level, the FCC has mandated by Order No. DA-89-1251, issued September 26, 1989, that meet point billing for Feature Group B Access Service be in place by July 1, 1990, and that a report be filed by the LECs by December 31, 1990, concerning recommended optional plans and criteria for implementing meet point billing for Special Access Service. At the intrastate level, United has filed this tariff revision to indicate that it will be able to put into place meet point billing for Feature Group B Access Service by July 1, 1990, and that meet point billing for Special Access Service will be in place by March 28, 1990. The form of and the information contained in the interstate tariff was specified by the FCC. United's intrastate tariff revision is in this same format to facilitate ease of comparison with the interstate tariff and ease of modification.

Southern Bell filed similar provisions in its access service tariff. Southern Bell requested that restrictions concerning meet point billing of Special Access Service be removed effective February 23, 1990. Southern Bell also filed its intrastate tariff with the intent of mirroring its interstate tariff. We determined that the revision had no revenue or customer related impact and allowed the tariff to become effective administratively. This tariff differs from Southern Bell's only with regard to the requested effective date.

We have determined that United's proposed revision has no revenue or customer related impact and it is intended to mirror United's interstate tariff. Therefore, we find it appropriate to approve United's request to remove restrictions regarding meet point billing of Feature Group B Access Service and Special Access Service.

Through industry task force efforts, United and the other participating LECs have agreed that a July 1, 1990, implementation of meet point billing of Feature Group B is achievable.

With respect to meet point billing of intrastate Special Access Service, the industry task force has determined that the joint implementation process can be efficiently completed by March 28, 1990. In addition, because statewide rates for intrastate Special Access Service are in effect, United does not anticipate any adverse impact on its customers if the

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March 28, implementation date is met. However, this date is earlier than the 60 day statutory period required. Because the implementation process is a joint effort, a delay on United's part will cause a delay in the implementation of meet point billing of intrastate Special Access Service for all participating LECs. Therefore, since this tariff only affects the method with which United conducts business with the other LECs, and no party will be adversely affected by the expedited effective date, we find it appropriate to approve United's request to have this tariff become effective on March 28, 1990, pursuant to our authority under Section 364.05(2), Florida Statutes, to allow for an effective date prior to the expiration of the 60 day statutorily required notice period for removing restrictions on meet point billing of Special Access Service.

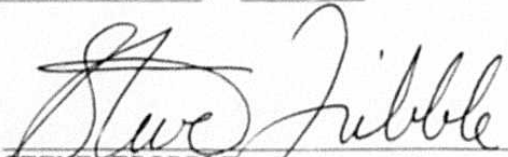
Based on the foregoing, it is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that United Telephone Company of Florida's tariff filing to remove restrictions regarding Meet Point Billing of Feature Group B Access Service and Special Access Service is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that United Telephone Company of Florida's request that this tariff filing become effective March 28, 1990, is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that this docket is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission,  
this 11th day of April, 1990.

  
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STEVE TRIBBLE  
Director 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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or sewer 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 after the issuance of this order, 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.