

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff filing to establish) DOCKET NO. 910887-TL  
local operator service charges by GULF ) ORDER NO. 25132  
TELEPHONE COMPANY ) ISSUED: 9/27/91  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman  
SUSAN F. CLARK  
J. TERRY DEASON  
BETTY EASLEY  
MICHAEL McK. WILSON

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 2, 1991, Gulf Telephone Company (Gulf or the Company) filed a tariff to establish local operator service charges. The Company has informed us that the Taylor County Jail has changed from one LEC payphone, which permitted \$.25 local calls, to nine NPATS payphones, which allow collect-only local calls. In addition, the jail has been enlarged to house three times its original capacity. As a result, there has been an increase in operator assisted local calls. The Company estimates that collect calls have increased approximately 20 to 30% since the prison's enlargement and changeover from LEC to PATS payphones.

Currently, Gulf does not charge the customer for operator assisted local calls. Central Telephone Company (Centel) handles all operator calls for the Company and charges Gulf \$.5562 per operator call, \$.0093 for message processing, and .0078 for recording. This totals \$.5733. Gulf has requested an expedited approval date of September 10, 1991, to assist in covering the costs of providing the operator services. The Company states that the proposed operator charges will help to place some of the cost for operator services on the cost causers.

Gulf's proposed rate of \$1.00 for operator assisted local calls is consistent with the rates charged by General, Southern Bell, Centel and United. Alltel does not charge for operator assisted local calls. The Company could not provide exact annual revenue impact since the enlargement of the prison and the change to NPATS has only been in operation for one month. Gulf has agreed to provide an information page with its October bills which

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outlines the addition of operator charges for operator assisted local calls.

Upon consideration, we find that the proposed rates for operator assisted calls are consistent with the majority of the LECs. We approve the proposed tariff to establish operator service charges with the requested effective date of September 10, 1991.

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.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Gulf Telephone Company's proposed tariff to establish local operator service charges is hereby approved with an effective date of September 10, 1991. It is further

ORDERED that the Company shall provide an information page with its October bills to notify customers of the change. It is further

ORDERED that 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 27th day of SEPTEMBER, 1991.

  
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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 10-18-91

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 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 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.

M E M O R A N D U M

September 26, 1991

TO: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING  
FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (MURPHY) *cm TH*  
RE: DOCKET NO. 910887-TL

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Attached is an ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING in the above-referenced docket, which is ready to be issued.

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Attachment  
cc: Division of Communications

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