

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff filing to)	DOCKET NO. 910938-TL
provide a rate for Centrex Lines)	
terminating as PBX or rotary access)	ORDER NO. 25246
lines by GULF TELEPHONE COMPANY)	
_____)	ISSUED: 10/23/91

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman
 SUSAN F. CLARK
 J. TERRY DEASON
 MICHAEL MCK. WILSON

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 8, 1991, Gulf Telephone Company (Gulf) filed a tariff seeking approval of proposed rates for centrex lines that terminate as PBX or rotary access lines in customer owned equipment. Gulf's current tariff setting forth its rates for centrex service do not specify whether a centrex service customer is authorized to terminate centrex lines in customer owned PBX or key system.

This tariff filing states that if centrex lines are terminated in either a PBX or a key system that additional monthly rates apply in addition the applicable monthly centrex line rates. The proposed additional rates are as follows:

Service	Proposed Term. Rate	Current Rate	Centrex Rate Per Line	New Rate
Rotary	\$ 6.65	\$ 28.61	\$ 22.00	\$ 28.65
PBX	\$ 26.05	\$ 48.01	\$ 22.00	\$ 48.05

According to the Company, the proposed rates were derived by taking the difference between the PBX trunk rate and the business rotary line rate and the centrex line rates.

Gulf argues that centrex lines should not be priced lower than the equivalent PBX trunk rate or the business rotary line rate where such lines are terminated in customer owned equipment. This is particularly true since centrex lines have built-in features that would be optional add ons or features provided through the customer owned equipment such as call waiting, three-way calling and speed calling.

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According to the Company, it presently has approximately 452 business rotary customers with a current Business One Party Service at a rate of \$28.61 compared to the centrex line rate of \$22.00 in systems with two to six lines. If these business rotary customers were permitted to have centrex lines that terminated in a key system, Gulf's revenue would decrease \$6.61 per line.

Upon consideration, we find it appropriate to approve the instant tariff filing. The proposed rate is approximately the same as the PBX and business rotary line rates. Further, it does not appear appropriate that centrex lines terminating in a key system should be priced below the business rotary rate. We note that the proposed rate differential for centrex lines is consistent with the rate structure of other local exchange companies that allow the termination of centrex lines in either a PBX or a key system.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the tariff filed by Gulf Telephone Company establishing rates for centrex service lines which are terminated at a PBX or a key system is approved as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, the tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 23rd
day of OCTOBER, 1991.



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 11/13/91

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.