

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff to revise toll ) DOCKET NO. 911154-TL  
 rates and modify Hilliard-Jacksonville ) ORDER NO. 25600  
 calling plan by ALLTEL FLORIDA, INC. ) ISSUED: 1/13/92  
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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

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On November 5, 1991, Docket No. 911108-TL was opened to investigate the 1991 earnings of Alltel Florida, Inc. (Alltel or the Company). Our Staff's review indicated that the Alltel would earn in excess of its authorized return on equity in 1992. Although Docket No. 911108-TL is still ongoing, the Company is taking measures designed to reduce overearnings in 1992. Specifically, on November 18, 1991, Alltel filed tariff revisions to modify its toll rates and alter the Hilliard-Jacksonville calling plan, which result in a total annual revenue decrease of \$1,524,997. The specific toll-related proposals are as follows:

1. IntraLATA toll rates - Alltel would reduce Message Toll Service (MTS) day rates to equal those of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell), and reduce its time of day discounts from 35% and 60%, to 20% and 40% for the Evening and Night periods, respectively. These changes yield a reduction of 31.5%, or \$1,409,737, in Alltel's toll revenues.
2. IntraLATA WATS rates - Alltel would set its WATS and 800 rates equal to those of Southern Bell. Alltel estimates that annual WATS revenues will decrease by 42%, or \$19,677, and that 800 revenues will decrease by 15%, or \$7,031. The total revenue decrease for both services is \$26,709.
3. Elimination of Toll-Pac service - Toll-Pac is an optional calling plan where a customer pays a flat

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monthly charge and receives a 30% discount from MTS rates for calls made to certain locations. Alltel currently has three Toll-Pac routes: McIntosh-Gainesville, Crescent City-Palatka, and High Springs-Lake City. Due to the significant reductions in toll rates proposed, the Company believes that it is appropriate to discontinue the service.

Cost studies indicate that the reduced toll rates will still cover access charges in the aggregate. We believe that Alltel's proposal to mirror Southern Bell's MTS day rates, WATS and 800 rates is reasonable. Given the number of Southern Bell exchanges adjacent to Alltel's service territory, these changes should minimize customer confusion. We also believe that it is appropriate to eliminate Toll-Pac. The service has relatively few subscribers, and it is likely that the 31.5% decrease in MTS rates will result in fewer customers taking this service.

Accordingly, we hereby approve Alltel's proposed tariff to reduce its MTS, WATS, and 800 rates, and to eliminate Toll-Pac service, with an effective date of January 1, 1992. However, this docket shall remain open pending evaluation and disposition of the Company's proposed Hilliard-Jacksonville calling plan.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Alltel Florida Inc.'s tariff filing to revise its toll rates, as set forth in the body of this Order, is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirement 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 this docket remain open pending resolution of the proposed Hilliard-Jacksonville calling plan.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 13th  
day of JANUARY, 1992.

  
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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 2/3/92.

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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 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.