

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for temporary ) DOCKET NO. 920751-TL  
waiver of Order No. 24990 ) ORDER NO. PSC-92-1035-FOF-TL  
relating to late payment charges) ISSUED: 09/23/92  
by ALLTEL FLORIDA, INC. )  
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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  
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Order No. 24327, issued April 4, 1991, the Commission eliminated the late payment charge exemption for counties and municipalities. By Order No. 24990 (the Order), issued August 29, 1991, the Commission clarified Order No. 24327 and directed all local exchange companies currently charging a late payment charge for delinquent accounts to file tariff revisions to include a 1% late payment charge for counties and municipalities. Additionally, ALLTEL Florida, Inc. (ALLTEL or the Company) was granted an extension until September 1, 1992, to implement the late payment charge.

On July 23, 1992, ALLTEL filed a Petition for Temporary Waiver of Order No. 24990, requesting that the Commission waive the provisions of the Order until January 1, 1993. The Company states that ALLTEL is currently in the process of upgrading, revising, and improving its customer billing system and expects this project to be completed by January 1, 1993. Implementing the changes required by the Order before the completion of the billing system upgrade would cause ALLTEL to expend significant additional expense. The Company further states that implementing the Order in conjunction with the billing system upgrade can be accomplished at little or no significant cost.

We believe that it is appropriate to grant ALLTEL additional time to make the changes required by Order No. 24990. However, the proper mechanism to accomplish this is an extension of time, rather than waiver of a Commission order. Accordingly, we hereby grant

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ALLTEL an extension of time until January 1, 1993, to comply with the requirements of Order No. 24990. However, if the billing system is operational prior to January 1, 1993, ALLTEL shall begin billing the late payment charge required by the Order concurrent with the completion of the billing system upgrade.


Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that ALLTEL Florida, Inc. is hereby granted an extension of time until January 1, 1993, to implement the requirements set forth in Order No. 24990. It is further

ORDERED that if ALLTEL Florida, Inc.'s billing system upgrade is completed before January 1, 1993, then the Company shall begin billing the late payment charge required by Order No. 24990 at that time. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 23rd day of September, 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

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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 Civil Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900 (a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.