

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 921086-TL
tariff filing to make vacation) ORDER NO. PSC-92-1417-FOF-TL
service available to residential) ISSUED: 12/07/92
subscribers of SmallTalk by)
UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF)
FLORIDA.)
_____)

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 APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

United Telephone Company of Florida (United or the Company) has filed a tariff to make vacation service available to residential subscribers of SmallTalk. SmallTalk is a message rate service offered at 70% of the basic local one-party flat rate. Vacation service is currently not available to residential subscribers of SmallTalk. Because of this, United must process a number of service orders due to SmallTalk residential customers changing to flat rate residence service in order to qualify for vacation service. The Company does not impose a service charge on customers who request an upgrade or a change in class of service.

Upon review, we find that the Company's proposal will discourage SmallTalk customers from switching to flat rate service in order to qualify for a vacation rate. This should eliminate the administrative burden associated with additional service orders for upgrades to flat rate service and subsequent downgrades to SmallTalk service. We find the proposed rates to be reasonable and shall approve the tariff.

Based upon the foregoing it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that United Telephone Company of Florida's tariff filing to make vacation service available to residential subscribers of SmallTalk is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed at the end of the protest period if no timely protest is filed. If a timely protest

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is filed, this tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 7th day of December, 1992.



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 December 28, 1992.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

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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 wastewater 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.