

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Proposed tariff filing) DOCKET NO. 930178-TL
to obsolete extension line) ORDER NO. PSC-93-0587-FOF-TL
channels, change rate groups for) ISSUED: April 15, 1993
local channels from seven to)
five, and allow the maintenance)
of obsolete private line)
continuous property channels by)
GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED)

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman
THOMAS M. BEARD
JULIA L. JOHNSON
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 12, 1993, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL or the Company) filed tariff revisions proposing to obsolete extension line channels associated with individual line residence and business service, maintain certain obsolete private line continuous property channels, and reduce the number of rate groups in the intraexchange private line service section of the tariff from seven to five rate groups. GTEFL indicates that the movement of extension line channels was overlooked during its private line restructure.

Extension Line Channel Service

Extension line channels provide communication pathways between different buildings on the same property. GTEFL contends that extension line channels fall under the definition of inside wiring, and that residential and business extension line channel service should have been obsoleted along with PBX extension line channel service during the intraexchange private line restructure in Docket No. 910967-TL.

The Company will still provide current extension line channel customers with any needed maintenance, moves, changes, and additions. But, extension line channel service will not be offered to new customers. The Company states that there is an advantage to obsoleting the service versus detariffing the service. Detariffing

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the service would result in "contaminated facilities," which refers to deregulated and regulated services using the same facilities. Obsoleteing instead of detariffing the service would avoid potential problems due to maintenance of contaminated facilities by more than one service provider. Future customers should not be negatively affected by this proposal since this service can be obtained from alternative vendors.

Private Line Continuous Property Channels

Continuous property channels provide communication pathways between buildings on the same property. In this way they are similar to extension line channels and fall under the definition of inside wire. The Company states that nonrecurring charges for continuous property channels were deleted from the tariff when this service was obsoleteed during the restructure of intraexchange private line service. GTEFL still offers changes to private line continuous property channel service for existing customers. Thus, the Company believes that a nonrecurring charge should be assessed when appropriate.

We believe that reestablishing this charge is appropriate. Since the current tariff allows existing customers to add channels to an existing service, it is reasonable to assess a nonrecurring charge when a channel is added.

Number of Rate Groups

GTEFL is proposing to reduce the number of rate groups for the obsoleteed intraexchange private line service from seven to five. The number of rate groups for the Company was reduced from seven to five during the Company's last rate case. There are currently no intraexchange private line customers in rate groups 1 and 3. Reducing the number of rate groups in the intraexchange private line tariff will ensure uniformity throughout the entire tariff.

We believe that the revisions proposed by GTEFL are appropriate and approve the tariff as filed, effective April 13, 1993.

Based on the foregoing, it is

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ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that GTE Florida Incorporated's tariff filing to obsolete residence and business extension line channels, maintain obsolete private line continuous property channels, and reduce the number of intraexchange private line rate groups from seven to five is hereby approved, effective April 13, 1993. 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 if no protest is filed in accordance with the requirement set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 15th day of April, 1993.



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.

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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 May 6, 1993.

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 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.