

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 930241-TL
tariff filing to obsolete Fire) ORDER NO. PSC-93-0659-FOF-TL
Alarm Conference Service by) ISSUED: 4/28/93
UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF)
FLORIDA.)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman
THOMAS M. BEARD
SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON

ORDER TO OBSOLETE FIRE ALARM CONFERENCE TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 25, 1993, United Telephone Company of Florida (United) proposed revisions to its General Services Subscribers Tariff to obsolete Fire Alarm Conference Service.

Fire Alarm Conference Service has been used by volunteer fire departments throughout United's service area for many years. As technology has improved, alternative methods of contacting the firemen have evolved and demand for the service has declined. Also, as communities have grown, the volunteer fire departments have been replaced by tax supported fire departments and the need for this type of service has been eliminated. Only four Fire Alarm Conference systems remain. These are located in the Sanibel-Captiva Island, Clewiston, LaBelle, and Fort Meade exchanges. Revenue from these systems is minimal.

The Company will assist customers in finding an alternative form of service if requested and will continue to support the service until each customer has found an alternative. Such alternatives include cellular phones and paging systems, which appear to be more efficient than the Fire Alarm Conference Service at reaching the volunteers.

On review, we approve the Company's tariff to obsolete this service. Existing customers shall be advised that the service is being discontinued and the Company shall accommodate the Customers in making the transition from the service. When the final customer has found an alternative, the service shall be deleted.

Therefore, it is

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ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that United Telephone Company of Florida's tariff filing to obsolete Fire Alarm Conference Service is hereby approved as set forth in the body of this Order. When the last customer has switched to an alternative service, the Company shall file a tariff to delete the service. It is further

ORDERED that this tariff shall become effective on April 27, 1993. If a timely protest is filed, this tariff shall remain in effect with any increase held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 28th 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 19, 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.