

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Resolution by the City) DOCKET NO. 920939-TL
Commission of Plant City and the)
Hillsborough County Board of)
County Commissioners for)
extended area service (EAS))
between the Plant City exchange)
and all of Hillsborough County.)

In Re: Application for a rate) DOCKET NO. 920188-TL
increase by GTE FLORIDA) ORDER NO. PSC-93-0804-FOF-TL
INCORPORATED.) ISSUED: May 25, 1993

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD
SUSAN F. CLARK

ORDER REQUIRING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EAS

BY THE COMMISSION:

This Docket was initiated pursuant to Resolution No. 162-1992 filed by the Plant City Commission requesting toll free calling from Plant City to all of Hillsborough County, and Resolution No. R-92-0206 filed by the Hillsborough County Commission requesting countywide toll free calling. The Plant City and Tampa exchanges are located in Hillsborough County and are served by GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL). They are located within the Tampa Market Area. Since Plant City can already call Tampa-East toll free, this extended area service (EAS) request is for Tampa-All excluding Tampa-East. At the request of Plant City, the hearing in this Docket was consolidated with the GTEFL rate case (Docket No. 920188-TL).

By Order No. PSC-93-108-FOF-TL, issued January 21, 1993, the Commission required GTEFL to ballot the Plant City customers for nonoptional flat rate, two-way extended area service (EAS) with regrouping only. GTEFL mailed 20,937 ballots to all customers of record in the Plant City exchange. The results of the survey are as follows:

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SURVEY RESULTS			
	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL MAILED	PERCENT OF TOTAL RETURNED
Ballots Mailed	20,937	100.00%	
Ballots Returned	11,794	56.33%	100.00%
For EAS	10,916	52.14%	92.56%
Against EAS	705	3.37%	5.98%
Invalid	173	.83%	1.47%
Ballots Needed to Qualify	8,375	40% of the ballots mailed must be returned	56.33%
Ballots Needed to Pass	5,898	40% of the ballots mailed must be returned and >50 must vote in favor of EAS	>50%

Rule 25-4.063(6) requires a majority of all respondents in each exchange to vote favorably and at least 40% of all ballots sent must be returned. Based on this rule, the survey passed, since 56.33% of the ballots mailed were returned and the majority of the ballots returned were in favor (92.56%) of EAS. Thus, GTEFL shall be required to implement nonoptional, flat rate, two-way EAS between Plant City and Tampa-All (excluding Tampa-East) with regrouping only. GTEFL shall discontinue the Optional Extended Community Calling Service between Plant City and Tampa-Central simultaneously with the implementation of EAS.

Plant City filed a Request for Oral Argument on its Motion to Expedite Implementation of EAS. GTEFL stipulated to adequate notice and Oral Argument was heard on the issue. Based upon this Oral Argument, the Company shall implement EAS within six months from the issuance date of this Order.

Therefore, it is

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ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that GTE Florida Incorporated shall implement two-way, nonoptional EAS between Plant City and Tampa-All (excluding Tampa-East) as soon as possible but no later than six months from the issuance date of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that Docket No. 920939-TL is hereby closed. Docket 920188-TL shall remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 25th day of May, 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.

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

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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.