

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 930397-TL
tariff filing to eliminate the) ORDER NO. PSC-93-0992-FOF-TL
suspension of a portion of a) ISSUED: 7/6/93
customer's service by GTE)
FLORIDA INCORPORATED.)
_____)

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) proposes to delete the Suspension of Service tariff option which allows customers to place a portion of their service on suspension. Under the proposal, customers who currently have a portion of their service temporarily suspended will be allowed to continue until the suspension period expires. The complete suspension of service (frequently referred to as "vacation service") is unaffected, and will be the only option available in the future.

Prior to its rate case (Docket No. 920188-TL), GTEFL charged business customers fifty percent (50%) of the applicable rates for the items temporarily suspended; however, this language was deleted and replaced with a flat rate of \$14.47 per month for business customers. Residential rates were set at \$5.68 per month. As no provision remained for the billing of a partial service, GTEFL discontinued the offering of partial suspensions after the rate case.

Subscribers to partial suspensions of service are customers who have seasonal service requirements which allow some service locations to be temporarily disconnected. For example, Ringling Brothers Circus has extension service to various locations on its property. When the circus is in town, it activates the extensions and then places them on temporary disconnect when the circus is travelling. Also, some hotels/motels on large properties will place their extensions on vacation service during off-peak times.

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The extension examples fall into the category of off-premise extensions (OPX) of PABX (Private Automatic Branch Exchange) service, and were entitled to the 50% reduced rates, exclusive of interoffice mileage. Both the circus and hotel/motel examples which took advantage of the partial suspensions were PABX customers. However, effective December 1, 1992 (Docket No. 910967-TL, Order No. PSC-92-0401-FOF-TL), PABX off-premise extensions became private line service and are no longer eligible for any type of temporary suspension of service.

GTEFL indicates that it does not have the capability to identify the demand, revenue, cost and contribution from partial suspensions, but believes there is limited demand in view of receiving no complaints since partial suspension offerings were discontinued after the rate case.

Upon review, we approve the filing. The primary users are no longer eligible as they are now considered private line customers. Existing customers will be allowed to continue service until their current suspension period expires.

Therefore, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that GTE Florida Incorporated's tariff filing to eliminate the Suspension of a Portion of a Customer's Service is hereby approved with an effective date of June 28, 1993. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed, the tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues 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 6th day of July, 1993.



STEVE TRIBBIE, 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 July 27, 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 9.10, 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.