

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 930491-TL
tariff filing to introduce) ORDER NO. PSC-93-1019-FOF-TL
FlexLink Service by UNITED) ISSUED: July 12, 1993
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
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF TO
INTRODUCE FLEXLINK SERVICE

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 18, 1993, United Telephone Company of Florida (United) proposed to introduce FlexLink, a service which will allow customers with fluctuating transmission requirements to more economically utilize their networks to transmit data or voice to multiple locations in a matter of minutes. This flexibility will reduce the number of dedicated lines or services needed by the customer.

FlexLink service operates through a digital cross connect system (DCS), which allows DS1 (1.5mbps) network interfaces to be connected digitally at the DS0 (64kbps) level. The DCS is controlled by a Telemark Network Management System (NMS), which performs the end-to-end coordination of each network reconfiguration requested by the subscriber.

United will offer three different levels of FlexLink service. With basic FlexLink service, a reconfiguration is effected by United through its normal service ordering procedures. Under company controlled service, the reconfiguration is processed through direct access of the network management system (NMS) by United's control center. With customer controlled service, the subscriber itself performs the reconfiguration through direct access of the NMS using a PC and a modem.

Subscribers to FlexLink will have the choice of a DS0 or a DS1 port. Each DS0 port will have a nonrecurring charge (NRC) of \$21

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and a monthly recurring charge (MRC) of \$7. Each DS1 port will have an NRC of \$53 and an MRC of \$65. In addition to these basic charges, the company controlled option will incur a nonrecurring database establishment charge of \$200 and an MRC of \$170. Each database reconfiguration would also involve an NRC of \$15. The customer controlled option would incur a nonrecurring database establishment charge of \$280 and an MRC of \$170. There will be no database reconfiguration charge under this option, however, there will be an MRC of \$50 for modem dial-up access.

United forecasts a monthly recurring demand of 272 DS0 ports for the first year. Contribution for DS0 ports will be 447 percent over cost. First year forecasted demand for DS1 ports is 55 customers, with contribution being 112 percent over cost. The first year forecasted demand for the company controlled option is three customers, with contribution at 23 percent for the both the nonrecurring and monthly recurring charges. The customer controlled option is also forecasted at three customers, with contribution at 30 percent for the nonrecurring charges and 23 percent for the monthly recurring charges.

The total annual recurring revenue for FlexLink is forecasted to be \$189,336. The nonrecurring annual revenue is forecasted to be \$12,016.

Based upon the information submitted by United, the forecasts appear reasonable. Accordingly, we find it appropriate to approve United's proposal to introduce FlexLink service.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that United Telephone Company of Florida's proposed tariff to provide FlexLink service is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirement set forth in the Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review, 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 in the Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review, this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 12th
day of July, 1993.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Hlynn
Chief, Bureau of Records

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 August 2, 1993.

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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.