

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 930527-TL
tariff filing to extend the date) ORDER NO. PSC-93-1047-FOF-TL
for deletion of WatchAlert) ISSUED: July 19, 1993
Service by United Telephone)
Company of Florida.)
_____)

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:

By Order No. 24848, issued July 25, 1991, in Docket No. 910640-TL, the Commission approved United Telephone Company of Florida's (United's) request to obsolete its WatchAlert Tariff and delete the tariff in two years, on July 7, 1993. On May 6, 1993, United filed tariff revisions requesting that we extend WatchAlert's obsolete period for an additional year. WatchAlert allows alarm and security companies to offer low cost alarm or security services to residential and business subscribers.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell) contacted United to request that United delay its exit from the market for another year. Southern Bell indicated that it has had tremendous success in South Florida with the WatchAlert Service, and it now plans to turn its marketing efforts to the Orlando area. Southern Bell stated its marketing efforts would be enhanced if United continued to participate in the WatchAlert market. In addition, GTE Florida Incorporated recently proposed a WatchAlert-type service called Alarm Transport Service. Because of changing market conditions, we find it would be in the best interest of United and its customers to offer WatchAlert for an additional year.

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While United will continue to offer the service to existing customers for an additional year, it will not offer or promote WatchAlert to new customers. During this time, Southern Bell plans to actively market WatchAlert in the Orlando area. This will give United time to reevaluate the service and decide whether to reenter the market.

By extending the obsolete period for an additional year no additional expenses will be incurred because no changes have been made to the service. In fact, if United's 124 existing WatchAlert customers stay with the service for another year, United will yield approximately \$1,238.00 in monthly revenues. Because no changes have been made and no customers will be added to the service, we find that the obsolete period for United's WatchAlert tariff shall be extended for an additional year. At the end of this year, United shall file a tariff to either delete the service or reenter the market.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED that we hereby approve United Telephone Company of Florida's tariff proposing to extend the obsolete period of its WatchAlert tariff for an additional year, effective July 7, 1993. It is further

ORDERED that the WatchAlert tariff shall remain effective until July 7, 1994, at which time United Telephone Company of Florida shall file a tariff to either delete the service or reenter the market. It is further

ORDERED that United Telephone Company of Florida shall notify its existing customers, using a bill stuffer, that WatchAlert shall be offered for an additional year. 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.

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

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 9, 1993.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

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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.