

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for a rate ) DOCKET NO. 920188-TL  
increase by GTE FLORIDA ) ORDER NO. PSC-93-1339-FOF-TL  
INCORPORATED. ) ISSUED: September 14, 1993

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK  
JULIA L. JOHNSON

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION  
ORDER REQUIRING EAS ALTERNATIVE PLAN

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are adversely affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

The customer survey failed to meet the Rule requirements for nonoptional flat rate, two-way extended area service (EAS) between North Port and Sarasota. However, since the North Port/Sarasota route exhibited one-way calling volumes (3.52 M/A/M's) which are significant enough to indicate a community of interest, the \$.25 hybrid plan shall be implemented on this route. This is consistent with Commission action taken in other EAS cases where the survey failed and the \$.25 plan was implemented (911185-TL - New Smyrna Beach to Daytona Beach (Volusia County) and 930028-TL - Sunny Hills to Panama City).

In the GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) rate case, we calculated a annual local revenue gain of \$532,466.08 assuming EAS would be approved on the North Port/Sarasota route. We do not have the necessary information to calculate the local revenue gain from implementing the \$.25 hybrid plan, however, our staff has indicated that the local revenue gain under the \$.25 hybrid plan will be substantially lower than under flat rate EAS. This information can be determined from the data the Company will file in the tracking report, and our staff can true up the local revenue gain. The lost toll revenue has already been accounted for in the rate case.

The calls on this route shall be furnished on a seven-digit basis regardless of call duration. NonLEC pay telephone providers

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shall charge end users \$.25 as if the calls were local, and the providers will pay the standard measured rate to the LEC.

The message rate plan of \$.25 per call shall be implemented for residential customers (regardless of call duration) on the North Port/Sarasota route. Calls on this route by business customers shall be rated at \$.10 for the first minute and \$.06 for each additional minute. These calls shall be furnished on a local, seven-digit dialed basis and be available in both directions. NonLEC telephone providers shall charge end users \$.25 per call (local), and shall pay the standard measured usage rate to the LEC. GTEFL shall be ordered to implement this route within six months from the date of this order. The Company shall also file quarterly reports with the Commission on this route as directed for a period of one year.

Following implementation of the \$.25 hybrid calling plan, GTEFL shall file quarterly reports with staff, broken down on a monthly basis for a period of one year. These reports shall include a detailed analysis of the distribution of usage among subscribers, in each direction, segregated between business and residential users, showing the number of customers making zero (0) calls, one (1) call, et cetera, through twenty-five (25) calls, and in ten (10) call increments thereafter, to ninety-five (95) calls, and ninety-six (96) or more calls. For each calling rate category (separately for residence and business), the Company shall also include the associated total messages, minutes, revenue, and lines. Finally, GTEFL shall provide a sum across all calling rate categories, separately for residence and business, of the total messages, minutes, revenue, lines and customers. These reports on usage shall be filed for a one year period following implementation. The usage reports shall also include a record of any customer contact, along with the reason for such contact regarding the \$.25 hybrid plan.

Therefore, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the North Port/Sarasota route shall be rated at \$.25 per call (regardless of duration) for residential, and business calls on this route shall be rated at \$.10 for the first minute and \$.06 for each additional minute. These calls shall be furnished on a seven-digit basis. It is further

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ORDERED that nonLEC pay telephone providers shall charge end users as if these calls were local \$.25 calls, and the NPATS providers will pay the standard measured usage rate to the LEC. GTEFL shall implement this change within six (6) months of the date of this Order. The Company shall also file with the Commission quarterly reports as directed on this route for a period of one year. It is further

ORDERED that this Docket shall be closed at the conclusion of the PAA period, assuming no timely protest is filed. Our staff shall monitor this matter to ensure that GTEFL files the necessary tariff revisions and complies with the implementation date.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 14th day of September, 1993.

  
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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 action proposed herein is preliminary in nature and will not become effective or final, except as provided by Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.029(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a) and (f), 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 October 5, 1993.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective on the day subsequent to the above date as provided by Rule 25-22.029(6), Florida Administrative Code.

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 and effective 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 effective date of this order, 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.