

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 930815-TL
tariff filing to introduce)
FiberConnect service into the)
General Services tariff by GTE)
FLORIDA INCORPORATED.)

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 930816-TL
tariff filing to introduce) ORDER NO. PSC-93-1560-FOF-TL
FiberConnect service into the) ISSUED: 10/25/93
Access Services tariff by GTE)
FLORIDA INCORPORATED.)

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILINGS

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.

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GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL or the Company) proposes to introduce FiberConnect service. FiberConnect is a digital private line data transport service which provides fiber optic facilities between the enduser and his or her serving wire center. The service is proposed in two formats: optical interface, and electrical interface.

The Company is responding to customer demand for increased bandwidth applications that fall between the DS1 and DS3 transmission levels but do not have the traffic to justify a DS3.

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The proposed service, which can be used for video conferencing and high speed data applications will include flexibility to grow with a customer's increasing data traffic needs.

The Company plans to offer FiberConnect on either a one-year, three-year, or five-year Optional Payment Plan (OPP). If the customer does not discontinue the service, the service will be automatically renewed for another payment period. An early termination liability charge is associated with each OPP. The monthly charges will be flat rated and do not vary with distance or the bandwidth used. There will be a nonrecurring charge of \$1,000 associated with each plan. The proposed rates appear to provide sufficient contribution to the costs of maintaining FiberConnect service on a monthly basis.

Upon review, we approve the tariff filing which will enhance customer networking abilities by providing additional choice. The effective date shall be October 20, 1993.

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GTEFL also proposes to offer a service, similar to that described above, out of its Access tariff. This would provide for interexchange carriers (IXCs) to connect to GTEFL's FiberConnect and thus, enable customers to transmit interexchange traffic. The optional payment plan periods as well as the monthly rates for IXCs in the Access tariff will be the same as those proposed for the General Services tariff. The financial and revenue impact on the Company are the same as for the service provided out of the General Services tariff.

Upon review, we find that this service will enhance the customer networking abilities by providing additional choice. We approve the tariff with an effective date of October 20, 1993.

Therefore, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that GTEFL's request to introduce FiberConnect service into its General Subscriber Services Tariff is hereby approved with an effective date of October 20, 1993. (Docket No. 930815). It is further

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ORDERED that GTEFL's tariff filing to introduce FiberConnect Service in its Access tariff is hereby approved with an effective date of October 20, 1993. (Docket No.930816). It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed, these tariffs shall remain in effect with any increase held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. Protest regarding one docket shall not preclude closing the other. If no timely protest is filed, these dockets shall be closed.

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

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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 November 15, 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 9.110, 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.