

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Resolution by the Glades) DOCKET NO. 930510-TL
County Commission requesting) ORDER NO. PSC-93-1665-FOF-TL
extended area service from the) ISSUED: November 15, 1993
Moore Haven exchange to the)
LaBelle and Okeechobee)
exchanges.)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER DENYING EXTENDED AREA SERVICE

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.

On March 19, 1993 the Glades County Board of County Commissioners filed a resolution requesting Extended Area Service (EAS) between the Moore Haven exchange, which has lies entirely within Glades County and the Labelle and Okeechobee exchanges which each have pockets within Glades County. United Telephone Company of Florida (United or the Company) provides service to all the exchanges in question.

By Order No. PSC-93-0956-PCO-TL we required United to conduct traffic studies on all these routes. On September 27, 1993 United filed the required studies.

Rule 25-4.060(2), F.A.C., requires a calling rate of at least three M/A/M's (Messages Per Access Line per Month) in cases where the petitioning exchange contains less than half the number of access lines as the exchange to which EAS is desired. This rule further requires that at least 50% of the subscribers in the petitioning exchange make two or more calls per month to the larger

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exchange to qualify for traditional EAS. If the exchange contains more than half the number of access lines as the exchange to which EAS is desired, then a combined two-way calling rate of two M/A/M's is required and at least 50% of the exchange subscribers must make (1) or more calls per month. None of the routes met these requirements. Furthermore, the calling volumes on the routes in this docket are insufficient to warrant an alternative toll plan. Historically, we have implemented the \$.25 message plan on routes that did not meet the calling volume and/or distribution requirements, but exhibited a substantial showing. Typically, these cases were close to meeting our requirements, but failed either on the distribution or volume level by a small percentage. With the exception of the Moore Haven/Okeechobee route (which met the 3 M/A/M requirement but fell short of the distribution), the remaining routes did not meet our requirements.

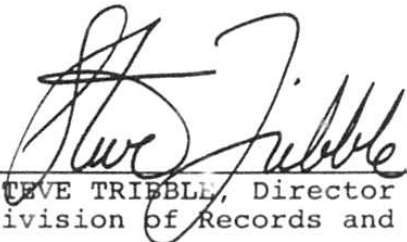
Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the request for Extended Area Service between the Moore Haven exchange and the LaBelle and Okeechobee exchanges is hereby denied. It is further

ORDERED that any protest of this Order shall be filed pursuant to the requirements set forth below. It is further

ORDERED that if no protest of this Order is filed, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 15th day of November, 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 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 December 6, 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.