

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of ) DOCKET NO. 940209-TL  
tariff filing to introduce Coin ) ORDER NO. PSC-94-0494-FOF-TL  
Line service by GULF TELEPHONE ) ISSUED: April 26, 1994  
COMPANY )  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Order No. PSC-93-0289-FOF-TL, issued February 23, 1993, this Commission ordered the four largest local exchange companies (LECs) to file coin line tariffs for non-LEC pay telephone service providers (NPATS), on or before October 4, 1994. On July 28, 1993, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a/ Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or Company) filed the first such proposed tariff to introduce a coin line service to pay telephone providers.

A coin line is an access line which provides pay telephone instruments with features and functions, such as call screening and blocking, call rating and recording and coin return, from the LEC's central office. Historically, NPATS have had to rely on "smart" phones, which have such features programmed directly into the pay phone, while LECs have been able to provide pay telephone service through coin lines using less expensive "dumb" telephones.

Gulf Telephone Company (Gulf or Company) filed proposed tariff revisions on February 23, 1994. Gulf proposes to offer coin line service at \$50.00 per month. No usage charges will initially be applied to the service, as Gulf has not yet developed the ability to bill usage charges to coin lines. This rate is equal to the rate for flat rate pay telephone trunks used by NPATS smart telephones in Gulf's territory.

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Gulf did not perform a cost study for its Coin Line Service. It anticipates fewer than ten (10) customers, if any, will subscribe to this service. Therefore, the expense of conducting a cost study would be greater than any revenues the company would gain or lose from this service. Since the proposed rate is higher than the rate offered by companies that have filed cost studies, and is consistent with other pay telephone flat rate access line charges, we believe the proposed rate will cover any costs of providing the service.

Upon consideration, it appears that the proposed Gulf coin line tariff comports with the requirements of Order No. PSC-93-0289-FOF-TL. Moreover, it appears that the proposed rate will provide some contribution toward the Company's other costs. Accordingly, the Gulf proposed coin line tariff is approved, with an effective date of April 24, 1994.

It is, therefore,

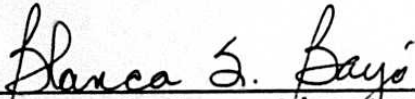
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the proposed tariff filed by Gulf Telephone Company to introduce coin line service is approved, with an effective date of April 24, 1994. It is further

ORDERED that, unless a person whose interests are substantially affected by the tariff approved herein files a petition in the form and by the date specified in the Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review, this Order shall become final and this docket shall be closed on the following date. It is further

ORDERED that, if a protest is filed on or before the date set forth in the Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review, this tariff shall remain in effect, with any increase held subject to refund pending the resolution of the protest.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 26th  
day of April, 1994.

  
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Blanca S. Bayo, 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 May 17, 1994.

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.

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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.