

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of ) DOCKET NO. 940595-TL  
tariff filing to modify existing ) ORDER NO. PSC-94-0969-FOF-TL  
Digital Network Services and ) ISSUED: August 11, 1994  
offer Digital Channel Services )  
in the private line services )  
tariff by GTE FLORIDA )  
INCORPORATED. (T-94-288 filed )  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK  
JULIA L. JOHNSON  
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL or Company) is seeking to amend its tariff offering for ControLink Digital Channel Service (DCS) to reclassify the service as a private line service as mandated by the Commission in Order No. PSC-94-0343-FOF-TL. This service will now be called Digital Facility Service (DFS). In addition, the current rates are being revised in response to customer/sales feedback and these new rates are based on the most current costs. There is no change in the way the service will be provisioned.

Digital Facility Service (DFS) will provide access transport for a variety of network services on a channelized basis, over a single high-capacity digital facility. This service will be offered as a private line service from the customer premises to the central office, and integrates the transport of switched and dedicated services in 24 digital channel increments over a DS1 facility. Channelization of the DS1 at the central office is integral to the basic service, while channelization at the customer location will be satisfied by customer premises equipment. The

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basic service offering also includes elements which provide access to the digital channels of the high-capacity facility and provide interconnection to the network service.

The target markets for DFS are medium to large customers with a large number of trunks and/or a combination of several switched and dedicated network services; and who are currently serviced by or intend to upgrade to a digital PABX. GTEFL believes that this service is of interest to banking, government, utilities, and educational institutions.

GTEFL states that DFS is competing with various network options from Interexchange Carriers (IXCs) and Alternative Access Vendors (AAVs). The Company believes that in order to retain its customer base for related transport services, GTEFL must provide comparable service enhancements to prevent bypass of its network. DFS will provide GTEFL's customers with improved telecommunications choices and value.

#### Rate Structure

The current Digital Channel Services has three basic rate elements: Digital Channel Capacity, Digital Channel Activation, and Service Activation. In addition, there are two mileage bands for Digital Channel Capacity.

The restructured DFS offering has two basic rate elements which provide a service that can be custom ordered to fit a customer's requirements: Digital Facility Capacity and Service Activations. Thus, Digital Channel activation, a charge applied for each digital channel (DS0) not used for DS1 service, is eliminated in this tariff. The mileage bands are also eliminated. The overall effect is a streamlining of the tariff.

Digital Facility Capacity provides the link between the customer's premises and the central office. Digital channels are provided via a channelized high-capacity DS1 facility, from which a maximum of 24 channels can be derived per DS1. DFS is offered with 36, 60 or 84 month contract options. A month-to-month option is available only after the completion of a contract period. A non-recurring charge will apply for all Digital Facility Capacity quantities at the time of installation. In the event of termination of DFS during the contract period, a termination liability charge will apply.

The Service Activations rate element pertains to the quantity of digital channels the customer chooses to activate and the corresponding digital channel network functionality at the central office. The maximum number of channels that can be activated is equal to the digital facility capacity purchased by the customer. The types of Service Activations are as follows:

- 1) Exchange Line/Trunk
- 2) CentraNet Line
- 3) Switched Data Service
- 4) FX, OPX, Tie Line, Private Line, or Intrastate WATS
- 5) Digital Data Service (DDS) - 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, 56 or 64 Kbps
- 6) DS1 Service

Network Access Register (NAR) rates will apply for the Exchange Line/Trunk and CentraNet Service Activations. Service Activations are charged on a monthly basis with a minimum service period of one month.

Upon consideration, we find that the new rate structure proposed by GTEFL is much easier to understand, and thus will be beneficial to the Company's customers. Additionally, the proposed rates cover the Company's costs while providing a reasonable level of contribution. Accordingly, the proposed tariff filing to modify existing digital network services and offer digital channel services in the private line services tariff is hereby approved with an effective date of July 31, 1994.

Based on the foregoing, it is, therefore,

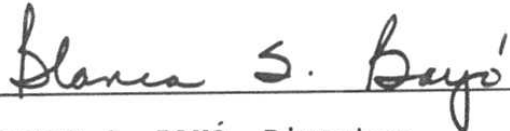
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the tariff filing to modify existing digital network services and offer Digital Facility Services in the private line services tariff should be approved with an effective date of July 31, 1994. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirements 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 requirements set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 11th  
day of August, 1994.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, 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, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on September 1, 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.