

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Resolution by Manatee) DOCKET NO. 920654-TL
County Board of Commissioners) ORDER NO. PSC-94-1142-FOF-TL
requesting Extended Area Service) ISSUED: September 16, 1994
(EAS) between the Palmetto)
exchange and the Sarasota)
exchange.)
_____)

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman
SUSAN F. CLARK
JOE GARCIA
JULIA L. JOHNSON
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

BY THE COMMISSION:

This docket was initiated pursuant to Resolution No. R-92-138 filed by the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners and Resolution No. 92-14 for extended area service (EAS) between the Palmetto exchange and the Sarasota exchange. Both of these exchanges are served by GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) and are located in the Tampa Market Area.

By Order No. PSC-92-0857-PCO-TL, issued August 24, 1992, we required GTEFL to conduct traffic studies on the Palmetto/Sarasota route. We granted GTEFL's Motion for Extension of Time by Order No. PSC-92-1055-PCO-TL, issued September 23, 1992. We granted GTEFL's confidential treatment of its intraLATA (local access transport area) traffic data by Order No. PSC-93-0176-CFO-TL, issued February 4, 1993.

By Order No. PSC-93-0409-FOF-TL, issued March 17, 1993, we denied Manatee County's request for EAS between the Palmetto and Sarasota exchanges because the Palmetto/Sarasota route did not meet this Commission's EAS rules. We ordered Extended Calling Service (ECS) to be implemented on the Palmetto/Sarasota route as an alternative toll plan, which was then implemented on September 15, 1993. Under ECS, residential calls are rated at \$.25 per call regardless of duration, and business calls are rated at \$.10 for the first minute and \$.06 for each additional minute. The Order also stated that data previously granted specified confidential

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classification would no longer be held confidential. In addition, Commission staff was directed to work with local representatives to determine if a true community of interest existed between the Palmetto, Bradenton and Sarasota exchanges and to investigate the feasibility of spreading the EAS additive over the Palmetto, Bradenton, and Sarasota exchanges.

In order to determine if ECS between the Palmetto and Sarasota exchanges was meeting the needs of the community, letters were sent to all parties of record requesting any information or comments that could assist staff with this investigation. Of the four inquiries sent, only the City of Palmetto responded. The City Council states that ECS on the Palmetto/Sarasota route is better than the toll rates it experienced prior to implementation of ECS. The Council further contends that it does not believe that the Bradenton or Sarasota exchanges, at this time, would agree to burden themselves with an additional charge in order to be able to call Palmetto.

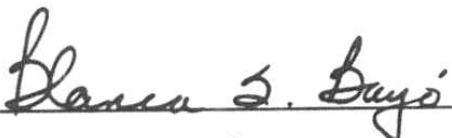
Since the implementation of ECS on September 15, 1993, we have not received any complaints or inquiries to suggest that ECS is not meeting the needs of the community. In addition, there has been little response to staff's inquiry. Accordingly, we find that EAS is not needed and no further action shall be taken on the Palmetto/Sarasota route.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that no further action shall be taken on the Palmetto/ Sarasota route as discussed within the text of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 16th day of September, 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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or sewer 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 after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900 (a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.