

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of ) DOCKET NO. 940962-TL  
tariff filing to introduce Coin ) ORDER NO. PSC-94-1344-FOF-TL  
Line Service by SOUTHLAND ) ISSUED: November 2, 1994  
TELEPHONE COMPANY )  
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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 APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

Southland Telephone Company (Southland or the Company) filed a proposed tariff on August 23, 1994 to introduce Coin Line Service to private pay telephone service providers. We approve the filing.

A coin line is an access line designed to provide pay telephone instruments with features and functions from the local exchange company's (LEC) central office. Features such as call screening and blocking, call rating and recording, coin collection, and coin return are provided via a coin line. Coin line access is how LEC pay telephone providers such as United have traditionally provided payphone functions on their pay telephone instruments. Non-LEC pay telephone providers (NPATS) had to rely on "smart" phones that have the above functions programmed into the payphone itself. Providers with coin line access can use less expensive "dumb" phones to provide service, while providers with only regular access lines must use the more expensive smart phones.

NPATS providers have complained that their inability to get a coin line in high vandalism and fraud areas has made it difficult for them to compete with LEC pay telephone service in those areas. We found this argument credible and ordered LECs to provide coin line access in Order Number PSC-93-0289-FOF-TL, issued February 23, 1993. Coin lines have already been approved for GTE Florida Incorporated, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Central Telephone Company of Florida, United Telephone Company of Florida, Gulf Telephone Company, The Florida Telephone Company, and St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company.

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Southland did not perform a cost study for its Coin Line Service. It anticipates fewer than 5 customers will subscribe to this service, so conducting a study for so few customers would be more expensive than any revenues the Company would hope to gain or lose from this service. This is not an unusual practice for small LECs and since the proposed rate is somewhat higher than the one currently offered by companies that have filed cost studies and is consistent with other PATS flat rate access line charges, we believe the proposed rate will cover any costs of providing the service.

We believe this tariff is appropriate. It conforms to Order No. PSC-93-0289-FOF-TL and will provide some contribution toward the Company's other costs. We approve the tariff effective October 22, 1994.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Southland Telephone Company's tariff to introduce Coin Line Service is approved. It is further

ORDERED that this tariff filing shall be effective October 22, 1994. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, this tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 2nd day of November, 1994.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

by: Kay Flynn  
Chief, Bureau of Records

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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 November 23, 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.

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.