

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of tariff filing to extend Collect Operator Station and Collect Person-to-Person promotion by AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES, INC. (T-94-643 filed 12/1/94))	DOCKET NO. 941275-TI
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In Re: Request for approval of tariff filing to offer a discounted rate to customers purchasing Prepaid Cards by AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES, INC. (T-94-642 filed 12/1/94))	DOCKET NO. 941274-TI ORDER NO. PSC-95-0087-FOF-TI ISSUED: January 17, 1995

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

BY THE COMMISSION:

AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (ATT-C) is currently offering reduced rates and charges to customers who make Collect Operator Station and Person-to-Person calls. Collect Operator Station calls are calls which are billed to a different telephone number and completed with the assistance of an ATT-C operator. Collect Person-to-Person calls are made when a caller specifies a particular person to be reached by the operator and the charges are assessed to the called person. In addition to a slight reduction in the service charges, this promotion allows users to receive a discount of at least 15% off ATT-C's basic rates. ATT-C now seeks, through a tariff filing, to extend the promotion by offering it from January 1, 1995 through January 31, 1995.

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Rule 25-24.485(1)(i), Florida Administrative Code, restricts promotional offerings to 90 days during any one year period. ATT-C's tariff filing, when combined with previous extensions, would cause the promotion to exceed the 90 day limit, and ATT-C requests a waiver of the rule. Upon consideration, we approve the requested waiver of Rule 25-24.485(1)(i), Florida Administrative Code, to allow ATT-C to offer the lower rates for Collect Operator Station and Collect Person-to-Person calls over the extended period of time.

ATT-C's prepaid card, more commonly known as a debit card, allows end users to purchase blocks of calling time for use at a later date. There are numerous interexchange companies offering debit cards in Florida, with rates ranging from \$.30 to \$.60 per minute. ATT-C's debit card offers blocks ranging from 8 units, where a unit is a minute, to 150 units. ATT-C's standard tariff rates do not vary significantly, ranging from \$.5990 per unit to \$.60 per unit, with no time of day or distance discounts.

ATT-C seeks, through a tariff filing, to offer a discounted rate of \$.45 per unit to customers who purchase the prepaid cards from January 1, 1995 through January 31, 1995. This extension, when combined with previous debit card promotions in 1994, requires a waiver of Rule 25-24.485(1)(i), Florida Administrative Code.

No customers are harmed by this filing and, in fact, the promotion will result in AT&T Prepaid Cards becoming more affordable to customers. Therefore, upon consideration, we approve the requested waiver of Rule 25-24.485(1)(i), Florida Administrative Code, to allow ATT-C to offer the lower rates for debit cards over the extended period of time.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.'s request for a waiver of Rule 25-24.485(1)(i), Florida Administrative Code, is approved pursuant to Rule 25-24.455(4), Florida Administrative Code, from January 1, 1995 through January 31, 1995, as it applies to the promotions for Collect Operator Station and Person-to-Person calls. It is further

ORDERED that AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.'s request for a waiver of Rule 25-24.485(1)(i), Florida Administrative Code, is approved pursuant to Rule 25-24.455(4), Florida Administrative Code, from January 1, 1995 through January 31, 1995, as it applies to the promotion for prepaid cards. It is further

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ORDERED that the tariffs described above shall be effective as of January 1, 1995. It is further

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

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 17th day of January, 1995.

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

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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 February 7, 1995.

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.