

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 941252-TL
tariff filing to add) ORDER NO. PSC-95-0356-FOF-TL
interexchange Private Line) ISSUED: March 14, 1995
Service by CENTRAL TELEPHONE)
COMPANY OF FLORIDA. (T-94-611)
filed 11/14/94)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On November 14, 1994, Central Telephone Company of Florida (Centel) filed proposed revisions to its General Customer Services Tariff to add interexchange private line service. This filing will change the name of the Private Line section of the tariff from Local Channel Services to Private Line Services and includes interexchange service along with intraexchange service.

By Order Number PSC-93-1759-FOF-TL, issued December 3, 1993, we completed the depooling of interexchange private line service with the removal of Centel from the revenue pool effective January 1, 1994. By Order Number 24178, issued February 28, 1991, we ordered that when meet-point billing is achieved for interexchange private line service on an industry-wide basis, Centel should develop a company-specific tariff for interexchange private line service with rates comparable to its rates for Local Private Line. Centel bills under its own tariff for local private line service but concurs in BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's (Southern Bell) private line tariff for interexchange services. This filing will allow Centel to bill for interexchange private line services under its own tariff and comply with Order Number 24178.

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Centel proposes to change the rates for interexchange private line services to match its existing local private line rate levels. The rate structure mirrors United Telephone Company of Florida's (United) rate structure and the rate levels are in line with United's. Most of Centel's proposed changes are reductions from current rate levels, and the overall estimated annual revenue impact would be a reduction of \$202,907. Based on the October 1994 surveillance report, the revenue reduction would decrease Centel's earnings by 0.11% from 9.39% to 9.28% return on equity.

Under the proposed tariff, only four rate elements will experience a rate increase: automatic ringdown, C1-type conditioning, C2-type conditioning, and MegaLink digital local channels. The total annual revenue impact of the automatic ringdown, C1-type conditioning and C2-type conditioning is estimated to be \$103.20. The significant change is for a MegaLink digital local channel. Currently, a MegaLink customer is charged a monthly rate for a digital local channel based on distance sensitive rates. The filing proposes having only one monthly flat rate charge for the digital local channel instead of distance sensitive rates. This flat rate local channel was implemented in Centel's private line restructure and this rate was based on cost, as were all of the private line rates. Customers located less than one half mile from a central office will have an increase in this rate element of their MegaLink service.

For an interexchange MegaLink private line, all customers have two local channels and an interoffice channel. Even though the MegaLink digital local channel rate is increasing, the change to a flat monthly rate and the reduction in the interoffice channel rates result in an overall rate decrease for most customers.

Centel proposes to place customers who currently have contract rates for interexchange private line service under Southern Bell's tariff in the obsolete section of its tariff. Centel will notify the current customers that they may change to Centel's contract rates which are proposed in this filing. The proposed rates are lower than the current contract rates. The obsolete tariff will be deleted when all of the current customers have switched to the new tariff or have discontinued the service. The notice will explain the change and direct the customer to contact Centel in order to switch to the new tariff. There is no penalty for the customer when the customer changes to the new tariff.

This tariff brings Centel in compliance with Order Number 24178, which required it to file an interexchange private line tariff once industry-wide meet-point billing was established and change its interexchange rate levels to match its local private

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line services. Placing the Southern Bell contract rates for interexchange private line in the obsolete portion of its tariff allows Centel to have these rates in its tariff during the transition from concurrence with Southern Bell's tariff to its own private line tariff.

For the reasons outlined above, we find Centel's proposed tariff filing to add interexchange private line service to be appropriate. We approve Centel's tariff filing effective March 1, 1995.

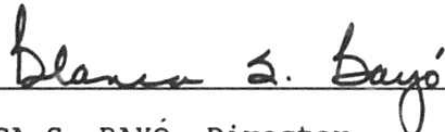
It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Central Telephone Company of Florida's filing to add interexchange private line service to its General Customer Service Tariff is approved. It is further

ORDERED that this tariff filing shall be effective March 1, 1995. 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 14th day of March, 1995.



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 April 4, 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.