

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of tariff filing to unbundle Network to Network Interface port connection from frame relay circuit facilities in access services tariff by United Telephone Company of Florida. (T-95-479 filed 7/28/95)	)	DOCKET NO. 951030-TL
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In Re: Request for approval of tariff filing to unbundle Network to Network Interface port connection from frame relay circuit facilities in access services tariff by Central Telephone Company of Florida. (T-95-478 filed 7/28/95)	)	DOCKET NO. 951031-TL ORDER NO. PSC-95-1289-FOF-TL ISSUED: October 18, 1995

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 TARIFFS

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 28, 1995, United Telephone Company of Florida (United) and Central Telephone Company of Florida (Centel) filed tariffs to modify their current Frame Relay Gateway Access Service (Gateway). Gateway provides interexchange carriers access to the companies' frame relay network.

Gateway is a "fast packet" service that provides high speed data transmission between multiple locations. Gateway provides intraLATA (local access and transport area) interexchange connectivity. This connectivity allows customers to connect Local, Metropolitan, or Wide Area Networks that are located in different exchanges. Gateway provides interconnectivity between United's frame relay network and the customer's frame relay network. Currently, Gateway is ordered in conjunction with end user

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customers who have subscribed to Frame Relay Service from United's General Exchange Tariff.

This tariff proposes to modify Gateway by unbundling the Network to Network (NNI) port connection from the frame relay circuit facility and introducing User to Network (UNI) port connections at speeds of 56.0/64.0 kbps and 1.554 Mbps. Under the existing tariff, the NNI rate element consists of the total circuit facility connecting to the frame relay switch. With this tariff, the NNI port connection is being unbundled and will consist only of the port connection on the frame relay switch. To connect to a port on the frame relay switch, customers will purchase special access channel terminations.

Under the current tariff, interexchange carriers (IXCs) can order only the NNI port connection from United's Access Tariff, with the UNI port connection ordered by the end user customer from the General Exchange Tariff. By offering the UNI port connection under the intrastate access tariff, IXCs will be able to order Frame Relay Service to the end users' premises. The effect of this change will simplify billing by allowing the end user to receive only one bill from the IXC for both connections, rather than one bill for the NNI from the IXC and a second bill from the local exchange company for the UNI. With this change, United proposes to rename the service from Frame Relay Gateway Access Service to Frame Relay Service to reflect end-to-end availability of Frame Relay Service for the IXC.

With this proposal, customers will not experience a rate change. The proposed rate for the unbundled port connection, together with an access line charge, is equivalent to the current bundled port rate.

United asserts that its IXC customers have requested that the UNI port connection be offered in the intrastate access tariff so that Frame Relay Service may be ordered all the way to the end user customer premises. Since there is no rate change, United will not experience any revenue impact. United may, however, experience a cost savings in the form of reduced billing, since an end user customer will receive only one bill from the IXC for Frame Relay Service.

Upon review, we find that United's proposed tariff will be beneficial to both IXC customers and to end user customers because of the convenience it offers. Accordingly, we approve United's tariff to modify its current Frame Relay Gateway Access Service.

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Centel proposed tariff to modify its existing Frame Relay Gateway Service is identical to United's tariff discussed above in this Order. Based on the foregoing, we also approve Centel's tariff to modify its current Frame Relay Gateway Access Service.

It is therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that United Telephone Company of Florida's tariff to modify the Frame Relay Gateway Access Service in the Access Services Tariff is hereby approved with an effective date of September 26, 1995. It is further

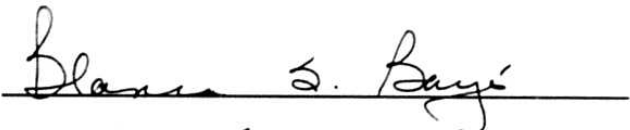
ORDERED that Central Telephone Company of Florida's tariff to modify the Frame Relay Gateway Access Service in the Access Services Tariff is hereby approved with an effective date of September 26, 1995. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, these tariffs shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that a protest regarding the tariff in one docket shall not prevent the tariff in the other docket from becoming final. 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 18th day of October, 1995.



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