

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Resolution by the) DOCKET NO. 921194-TL
Liberty County Board of County) ORDER NO. PSC-95-1586-FOF-TL
Commissioners for extended area) ISSUED: December 26, 1995
service between East Point and)
Bristol, and East Point and)
Hosford.)
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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

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION

ORDER APPROVING IMPLEMENTATION OF EXTENDED CALLING SERVICE

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

I. BACKGROUND

This docket was initiated by Resolution No. 92-15 filed October 30, 1992 by the Liberty County Board of Commissioners requesting extended area service (EAS) between Sumatra, Florida, which is located in Liberty County, and the other areas of Liberty County (Bristol and Hosford exchanges). Sumatra subscribers (56) are provided service from the Eastpoint exchange, which is primarily located in Franklin County. There are also seven (7) Liberty County residents served from the Carrabelle exchange. Eastpoint, Carrabelle, Bristol and Hosford are all provided service by St. Joseph Telephone Company (St. Joe or the Company).

St. Joe conducted traffic studies January 1993 on the Eastpoint/Bristol, Eastpoint (Liberty County pocket)/Bristol, Eastpoint/Hosford and the Eastpoint (Liberty County pocket)/

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Hosford routes. In addition, upon our own motion, we determined to explore the feasibility of moving the Liberty County pocket of the Eastpoint exchange and Carrabelle exchange into a Liberty County exchange.

By Order No. PSC-93-1705-FOF-TL, issued November 29, 1993, the we decided that no toll routes qualified for nonoptional, two-way, flat rate EAS. We further determined that no alternative plan would be offered on the toll routes considered in this docket, and that the Eastpoint (Liberty County pocket)/Bristol route would be considered when our then pending generic EAS investigation was completed. Finally, we decided that a boundary change to move the Liberty County pockets of the Eastpoint and Carrabelle exchanges into an existing Liberty County exchange was cost prohibitive.

On May 15, 1995, the Commission receive a copy of Resolution 94-05 from Liberty County. The resolution is essentially the same as Resolution 92-15 except that the Liberty County Commission requested the \$.25 plan rather than EAS. In addition to the resolution, the Commission has also received letters and a petition supporting Liberty County's request for countywide toll-free calling.

By Order No. PSC-95-1396-FOF-TL, we approved a proposal by St. Joe to implement extended calling service (ECS) on the Eastpoint/Bristol route. We also determined to examine further whether any relief on the Eastpoint/Hosford route is appropriate.

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF ECS ON THE EASTPONT/HOSFORD ROUTE

During the agenda conference at which we considered the request for ECS on the Eastpoint/Hosford route, St. Joe proposed that it be allowed to implement the ECS plan on this route. In view of the support of St. Joe of the request by Liberty County for ECS on the Eastpoint/Hosford route, we find it appropriate to approve the Company's proposal to implement ECS on this route. ECS on this route will provide toll relief for the Eastpoint (Liberty County pocket) customers for the remaining areas of Liberty County not previously provided toll relief.

The Company shall file an appropriate tariff to implement the ECS plan on the Eastpoint/Hosford route. ECS shall be implemented on this route as soon as possible, but not to exceed six months from the date this Order becomes final. Residential customers shall pay \$.25 per call regardless of duration, and business calls on these routes shall be rated at \$.10 for the first minute and \$.06 for each additional minute. When implemented, pay telephone

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providers shall charge end users no more than \$.25 per message and pay the standard measured interconnection usage charge. Interexchange carriers may continue to carry the same types of traffic on these routes that they are now authorized to carry.

Based on the foregoing, it is, therefore

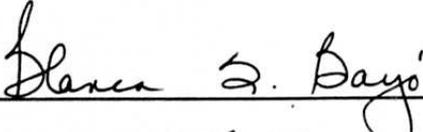
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that St. Joseph Telephone and Telegraph Company's proposal to implement the Extended Calling Plan on the Eastpoint/Hosford route is approved as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that the Company shall implement ECS on the Eastpoint/Hosford route as soon as possible, but not to exceed six months from the date this Order becomes final as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this Order shall become final and effective on the date set forth below if no timely protest is filed pursuant to the requirements set forth below in the "Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review." It is further

ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, this Docket should be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 26th day of December, 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 action proposed herein is preliminary in nature and will not become effective or final, except as provided by Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.029(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a) and (f), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on January 16, 1996.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective on the day subsequent to the above date as provided by Rule 25-22.029(6), Florida Administrative Code.

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 and effective on the date described above, any party substantially 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 effective date of this order, 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.