

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of ) DOCKET NO. 960036-TL  
tariff filing to revise )  
application of residential and )  
business services by Central )  
Telephone Company of Florida. )  
(T-95-760 filed 11/21/95) )  

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In Re: Request for approval of ) DOCKET NO. 960037-TL  
tariff filing to revise ) ORDER NO. PSC-96-0319-FOF-TL  
application of residential and ) ISSUED: March 4, 1996  
business services by United )  
Telephone Company of Florida. )  
(T-95-759 filed 11/21/95) )  

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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 TARIFFS REVISING  
APPLICATION OF RESIDENTIAL AND  
BUSINESS RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL PREMISES

BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 24, 1995, Central Telephone Company of Florida (Centel) and United Telephone Company of Florida (United) filed proposed tariffs to revise the application of residential and business rates at residential premises. However, since it appeared that the proposed numerical cutoff for residential lines was rather arbitrary, and since the proposals appeared to place the burden to show otherwise upon the consumer, we denied the tariffs by Order No. PSC-95-1372-FOF-TL, issued November 3, 1995.

On November 21, 1995, Centel and United submitted newly revised tariffs, which state that residential rates should apply for lines in excess of six when usage is primarily for domestic use. The proposed tariffs also allow only three residential rotary lines. Residences requiring more than three rotary lines would be assessed business rates on all rotary lines since residential and business rotary service is not permitted at the same premises. The

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proposed changes will be used to help classify new customers and will have no impact on existing subscribers.

Since the proposed changes more clearly define residential and business services, they should assist Centel and United in properly classifying prospective subscribers. Accordingly, the proposed tariffs are approved, effective February 6, 1996.

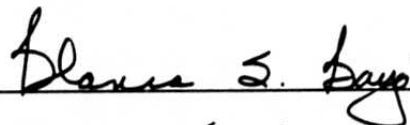
It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that United Telephone Company of Florida's proposed tariff to revise the application of residential and business rates to residential premises is approved, effective February 6, 1996. It is further

ORDERED that Central Telephone Company of Florida's proposed tariff to revise the application of residential and business rates to residential premises is approved, effective February 6, 1996. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in the form and by the date specified in the Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review, 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 4th day of March, 1996.



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, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on March 25, 1996.

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.