

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for exemption) DOCKET NO. 960104-TC
from requirement that each) ORDER NO. PSC-96-0377-FOF-TC
telephone station shall allow) ISSUED: March 18, 1996
incoming calls, by Peoples)
Telephone Company, Inc.)
_____)

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 BLOCKING OF INCOMING CALLS AT PAY TELEPHONES

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.

On January 25, 1996, Peoples Telephone Company, Inc., filed requests for exemptions from the Rule 25-24.515(8), Florida Administrative Code, requirement that each telephone station allow incoming calls, for pay telephone instruments located at Super Stop #1677, 6460 Hollywood Boulevard, (954) 986-9210, and (954) 961-4316, in Pembroke Pines. Rule 25-24.515(8), Florida Administrative Code, requires incoming calls to be received at all pay telephones unless an exemption from that requirement is granted by this Commission.

Rule 25-24.515(8), Florida Administrative Code, requires that pay telephones receive incoming calls unless the instrument is located at a hospital, school, confinement facility, or other location specifically exempted by this Commission. Any requests for an exemption from this requirement must be accompanied by an attestation by the owner of the pay telephone, the owner of the pay

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telephone location, and the chief of the responsible law enforcement agency that the request is made to deter criminal activity at that pay telephone.

To facilitate this process, we have approved a form for requesting exemptions. Peoples Telephone Company, Inc. has submitted two Request to Block Incoming Calls forms for the pay telephones located at 6460 Hollywood Boulevard in Pembroke Pines. The forms are signed by an officer of Peoples Telephone Company, Inc., the pay telephone location owner, and the Chief of Police of the Pembroke Pines Police Department. All parties believe blocking incoming calls at these pay telephones will deter criminal activity.

Accordingly, we approve Peoples Telephone Company, Inc.'s requests. Pursuant to Rule 25-24.515(8), Florida Administrative Code, Peoples Telephone Company, Inc., must provide central office based intercept at no charge to the end user and must display a notice on each affected pay telephone stating, "Incoming calls blocked at the request of law enforcement."

It is, therefore

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Peoples Telephone Company, Inc.'s requests to block incoming calls at the pay telephones described in the body of this Order are approved. It is further

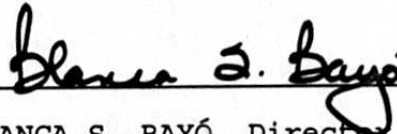
ORDERED that Peoples Telephone Company, Inc., provide central office based intercept at no charge to the end user at each pay telephone where incoming calls cannot be received. It is further

ORDERED that Peoples Telephone Company, Inc. display a notice on each pay telephone which states, "Incoming calls blocked at the request of law enforcement." It is further

ORDERED that, unless a person whose interests are substantially affected by the action proposed herein files a petition in the form and by the date specified in the Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review, below, this Order will become final and this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 18th
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 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 April 8, 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.

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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.