

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of ) DOCKET NO. 960694-TL  
tariff filing to introduce new ) ORDER NO. PSC-96-0928-FOF-TL  
digital switched service, ) ISSUED: July 16, 1996  
Switched 56, by St. Joseph )  
Telephone & Telegraph Company )  
(T-96-447 filed 5/29/96) )  
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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

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 29, 1996, St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company (St. Joe) filed a proposed revision to its present tariff. The Company proposed the addition of a new digital switched service, Switched 56 Service. Switched 56 Service is a digital switched service which will allow bulk information transfer, up to 56 kbps, via a specially equipped four wire access line. This new digital service will allow St. Joe to enhance its existing services. Since no sales projections have been made, the revenue impact to St. Joe is unknown. There is no customer impact, since there is no existing service which provides this capability.

Switched 56 Service appears to be a very viable service which provides the customer with a data transport system capable of transmitting information up to 56 kbps at rates identical to the rates charged by other local exchange companies for a similar service. We believe that the addition of Switched 56 Service will allow St. Joe to provide a digital switched service currently available to customers of other local exchange companies. Accordingly, we find it appropriate to approve this tariff effective June 28, 1996.

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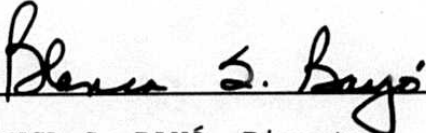
Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company's tariff to introduce Switched 56 Service is approved. It is further

ORDERED that this tariff shall be effective June 28, 1996. 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 16th day of July, 1996.

  
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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 August 6, 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.