

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 961316-TL
tariff filing to increase) ORDER NO. PSC-96-1541-FOF-TL
returned check service charge) ISSUED: December 17, 1996
for dishonored checks by)
Northeast Florida Telephone)
Company, Inc. (T-96-942 filed)
10/30/96) _)

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 FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 30, 1996 Northeast Florida Telephone Company, Inc. filed a tariff, which increases the returned check service charge for dishonored checks. The tariff language was modified to match recent legislative changes to the statutes governing dishonored checks. See Chapter 96-239, §1, 1996 Florida Laws 893. We approve this tariff modification. This tariff shall become effective November 29, 1996.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Northeast Florida Telephone Company's requests for approval of tariff filing to increase returned check service charge for dishonored checks is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the tariff shall become effective November 29, 1996. If a protest is filed within 21 days from the issuance date of the order, the tariff should remain in effect pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed.

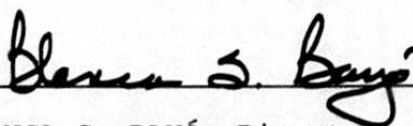
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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 17th
day of December, 1996.



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 January 7, 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.