

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 970317-TL
tariff filing to eliminate)
public and semi-public telephone)
service by ALLTEL Florida, Inc.)
(T-97-0040 filed 1/15/97) _)

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 970318-TL
tariff filing to eliminate)
public and semi-public telephone)
service by Frontier)
Communications of the South,)
Inc. (T-97-0134 filed 2/17/97))

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 970319-TL
tariff filing to eliminate) ORDER NO. PSC-97-0473-FOF-TL
public and semi-public telephone) ISSUED: April 24, 1997
service by Quincy Telephone)
Company)
(T-97-0162 filed 2/28/97) _)

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIA L. JOHNSON, Chairman
SUSAN F. CLARK
J. TERRY DEASON
JOE GARCIA
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER APPROVING TARIFFS

BY THE COMMISSION:

In Orders No. 96-388 and 96-439, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) mandated that all Local Exchange Carriers (LECs) eliminate public and semi-public telephone service from their General Subscriber Services Tariffs, effective April 15, 1997. The Orders also required that intrastate subsidies associated with the LECs' payphone operations be eliminated at the same time.

ALLTEL Florida, Inc. (ALLTEL), Frontier Communications of the South, Inc. (Frontier), and Quincy Telephone Company (Quincy), herein after referred to as the companies, filed their tariffs to meet the requirements of the Orders. Northeast Telephone Company,

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Inc. (Northeast or the Company) is a rate of return LEC who is not a party to this action but is also affected by the Orders. Northeast may have difficulty meeting the April 15, 1997, effective date, because Rule 25-4.214, Florida Administrative Code, requires that tariff filings for rate of return LECs go into effect on the 30th day following the day of filing. Therefore, we will modify the tariff filing date in this case so that Northeast may comply with the FCC's directive.

Upon review of the tariffs filed by the companies, we have determined that they are reasonable and conform to the FCC Orders. We also find it reasonable to authorize Northeast to file its tariff, to be effective April 15, 1997, to enable the company to conform to the FCC requirements. Any intrastate subsidies that must be eliminated to meet the FCC Orders must be handled in accordance with the guidelines set out in Docket Number 970281-TL, which establishes the requirements for intrastate implementation of federally mandated deregulation of local exchange company payphones.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the tariff filings of ALLTEL Florida, Inc. (ALLTEL), Frontier Communications of the South, Inc. (Frontier), and Quincy Telephone Company (Quincy), are approved effective April 15, 1997. It is further

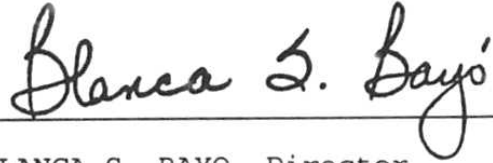
ORDERED that Northeast Telephone Company, Inc. (Northeast) is authorized to file its tariff, which eliminates public and semi-public telephones from its General Subscriber Services Tariff, by April 7, 1997, with an effective date of April 15, 1997. It is further

ORDERED that the elimination of intrastate subsidies by the companies as specified within the body of this Order be handled in accordance with the guidelines set out in Docket Number 970281-TL. It is further

ORDERED that if no timely protest is filed within 21 days of the date of issuance of this Order, Docket Numbers 970317-TL, 970318-TL and 970319-TL shall be closed. A protest in one docket shall not prevent finalization of the other dockets. If a timely protest is filed, tariffs filed in accordance with the Order shall remain in effect with revenues held subject to refund.

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By Order of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 24th,
day of April, 1997.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blanca S. Bayo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

BLANCA S. BAYO, 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 120.569(1), 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.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

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 May 15, 1997.

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.