

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval of
tariff filing to change rates
for DID (Direct Inward Dialing)
number offering from blocks of
100 numbers to individual
numbers by Quincy Telephone
Company d/b/a TDS Telecom/Quincy
Telephone. (T-0191 filed 2/4/00)

DOCKET NO. 000168-TL
ORDER NO. PSC-00-0544-TRF-TL
ISSUED: March 16, 2000

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of
this matter:

JOE GARCIA, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
SUSAN F. CLARK
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.
LILA A. JABER

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

Quincy Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom/Quincy Telephone
(TDS or company) filed a tariff to change rates for Direct Inward
Dialing (DID) number offering from blocks of 100 numbers to
individual numbers. The company requested an effective date of
March 9, 2000. Changing the number structuring will allow
customers to order the exact number of DID numbers they need. This
filing will also change the text for DID conditions to the standard
language used in TDS' new DID tariffs.

As stated in TDS' filing, there is no cost associated with
this change. The proposed rate per number will have only a minimal
impact - a slight increase - on customers and revenue. Customers
will pay a monthly rate of \$14.70 for DID trunk termination, along
with a non-recurring charge of \$27.00. Customers will also be
charged \$.55 for DID Number Assignment. TDS proposes to use only
standard equipment and serving arrangements. When equipment or
service of a special type is requested and provided, rates and
charges are related to the costs involved to meet the individual
requirements of each case.

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TDS' proposal to provide DID service is subject to the availability of facilities and compatibility of customer-provided equipment. DID service provides for the completion of local and toll calls to associated station numbers without intermediate handling by an attendant. The service includes central office switching equipment for in-dialing from the exchange and toll network directly to stations associated with customer premises equipment.

TDS states that it shall not be responsible for any changes in equipment, operations or procedures utilized by the company in provisioning DID services that result in any customer owned equipment being rendered obsolete, requiring modification, or otherwise affecting its performance.

Further, this filing states that "Directory Listings" will be provided in accordance with TDS' tariff. DID numbers furnished by TDS herein are not entitled to free directory listing, and the customer will be responsible for all toll calls billed to the DID numbers. Lastly, DID numbers will be sold only in conjunction with DID service only.

We find that TDS' proposed tariff will provide more customer flexibility. Based on the foregoing, Quincy Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom/Quincy Telephone's request for approval of tariff filing to change rates for DID number offering from blocks of 100 numbers to individual numbers is hereby approved.

The tariff shall become effective on March 9, 2000. If a protest is filed within 21 days from the issuance date of this Order, the tariff shall remain in effect pending resolution of the protest with any revenues held subject to refund. If no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed.

Therefore, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Quincy Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom/Quincy Telephone's request for approval of tariff filing to change rates for DID number offering from blocks of 100 numbers to individual numbers is hereby approved. It is further


ORDERED that the tariff shall become effective on March 9, 2000. If a protest is filed within 21 days from the issuance date of this Order, the tariff shall remain in effect pending resolution

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of the protest with any revenues held subject to refund. It is further

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

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 16th day of March, 2000.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

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 proposed action files a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida

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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 6, 2000.

In the absence of such a petition, this Order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

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.