

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff filing to increase per-call activation rates for Call Tracing by Frontier Communications of the South, Inc. (T-00-1513 filed 10/20/00)

DOCKET NO. 001623-TL  
ORDER NO. PSC-00-2371-TRF-TL  
ISSUED: December 11, 2000

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman  
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.  
LILA A. JABER  
BRAULIO L. BAEZ

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 20, 2000, Frontier Communications of the South, Inc. ("Frontier" or "the company") submitted a tariff filing to increase per-call activation rates for Call Tracing. Call Tracing is a feature which enables a customer to initiate an automatic trace of the last call received. Frontier is a small local exchange telecommunications company which is rate base, rate of return regulated. The company has submitted a letter extending the 30-day effective date of this tariff filing to November 28, 2000.

We are vested with jurisdiction over this matter through the provisions of Sections 364.04, 364.05 and 364.052, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to Section 364.052, Florida Statutes, Rule 25-4.214, Florida Administrative Code, Tariff Filings, was adopted which states that:

Tariff filings for new services and changes to an existing service that are submitted by small local exchange companies subject to the Commission's rate base and rate of return regulation shall go into effect on the 30th

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day following the day of filing unless: (1) The company requests a later effective date; or (2) The Commission suspends or denies the filing prior to the 30th day.

Frontier's filing increases the per call activation rate from \$2.00 to \$4.00. In addition, the monthly cap for Call Tracing increases from \$10.00 to \$24.00. Under the new rate, Florida customers will be charged \$4.00 per activation for the first six Call Trace requests made per month. The customer will not be charged for any subsequent Call Trace requests made during the month.

We have reviewed the revenue impact data provided by Frontier. The company estimated that the additional revenue generated by these tariff changes would be an annual increase of \$288. The company reported an achieved return on equity (ROE) of -5.95% on its December 31, 1999 Earnings Surveillance Report (ESR). This additional revenue will have a negligible impact on earnings.

We find that the increase will allow the company to provide a service at rates comparable to the rates charged by other local exchange companies for a similar service. Accordingly, Frontier's tariff filing to increase the per call activation rate is hereby approved, effective November 28, 2000.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the tariff filed by Frontier Communications of the South, Inc. to increase per-call activation rates for Call Tracing is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below in the Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review, the tariff shall remain in effect pending resolution of the protest, with any charges held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

Order that if no protest is filed in accordance with requirements set forth below in the Notice of Further Proceedings

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or Judicial Review, this docket shall be closed upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 11th day of December, 2000.



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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.

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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 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 1, 2001.

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.