

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Tariff filing by UNITED TELEPHONE)	DOCKET NO. 881557-TL
COMPANY OF FLORIDA to establish an)	
operator call screening option for)	ORDER NO. 20613
cellular mobile service carriers and)	
private branch exchange service)	ISSUED: 1-18-89
subscribers (T-88-488 filed 10/24/88))

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

KATIE NICHOLS, Chairman
 THOMAS M. BEARD
 GERALD L. GUNTER
 JOHN T. HERNDON
 MICHAEL MCK. WILSON

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 24, 1988, United Telephone Company of Florida (United) filed a proposed revision (the Revision) to establish an operator screening option (the OS Option) and a billed number screening option (the BNS Option) for cellular mobile service carriers (CMCs) and private branch exchange (PBX) subscribers.

The OS Option is a service whereby an operator determines from data furnished on a screen whether to allow an outgoing call to be placed. Under this service, the operator restricts calls to those that are credit card, third-party billed or collect calls accepted at the terminating end. The BNS Option provides screening information to the operator on incoming calls in order to prevent a caller on another line from billing a third-number or collect call to the protected line.

Secondary service ordering charges would apply to both the OS and BNS Options. Service establishment charges of \$15.00 per request and 10¢ per number to be screened would also be assessed for the BNS Option because an additional procedure is required to implement this option. No service establishment charge is proposed for the OS Option since the additional BNS Option procedure is handled as part of the OS Option service ordering functions. United estimates the cost of establishing the BNS Option to be \$11.58 per request and 8¢ per number to be screened.

The proposed recurring charge for both the OS and BNS Options is \$4.00 per month per trunk or equivalent. United estimates the cost of providing each screening under the OS Option to be 29¢, and therefore a contribution toward the costs borne by the general body of ratepayers will be provided under this option if less than 14 calls are screened per month. United filed no cost information supporting the recurring charge proposed for the BNS Option, alleging that it did not have historical data to indicate how many calls would be attempted. Similarly, no revenue impact estimates were furnished with the Revision because United lacks information

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about how the end users of CMCs and PBX subscribers will behave. In view of the fact that United's customers appear to be obtaining these services presently on a special assembly basis at the rates proposed, no adverse effect should be felt by customers upon our approval of the Revision.

Because of a lack of estimated cost support, we have compared the proposed rates to those currently in effect for similar services. We find the proposed rates to be generally similar to those charged by GTE Florida Incorporated. Additionally, we believe that the proposed rates cover United's costs of furnishing the services.

Accordingly, we will approve the Revision with an effective date of December 21, 1988, because the OS and BNS Options appear necessary to the provision of cellular interconnection and PBX services in a manner that protects against fraud. Moreover, we find that the proposed rates for both options will cover the costs incurred by United in providing these services.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the tariff revision (T-88-488) filed October 24, 1988, by United Telephone Company of Florida proposing to establish an operator call screening option and a billed number screening option for cellular mobile service carriers and private branch exchange subscribers is hereby approved with an effective date of December 21, 1988. It is further

ORDERED that Docket No. 881557-TL be and the same is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission,
this 18th day of JANUARY, 1989.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Flynn
Chief, Bureau of Records