

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Review of the requirements) DOCKET NO. 871394-TP
 appropriate for alternative operator) ORDER NO. 21817
 services and public telephones) ISSUED: 9-5-89
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ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

On December 21, 1988, the Commission issued Order No. 20489 in the above-referenced docket, which set forth the provisions and requirements Alternative Operator Services (AOS) providers must comply with to provide intrastate operator services. Under the terms of the Order, the majority of its provisions were to go into effect within thirty (30) days of the Order's issuance date. Several parties filed motions for Reconsideration of the Order that the Commission will be addressing separately. The decision in this Order is only intended to address the Request for Oral Argument filed in this docket on July 3, 1989, by International Telecharge, Inc. (ITI).

By Order No. 20489, the Commission directed AOS providers to file tariffs reflecting AT&T Communications, Inc. (ATT-C) time-of-day rates. The Order prohibited AOS providers from charging more than ATT-C would charge for a comparable call. In most instances, the decision resulted in a rate reduction for AOS providers. Some of the parties sought a stay of this portion of the Order, which the Commission granted in Order No. 21051, issued April 14, 1989. However, as provided by Rule 25-22.061, Florida Administrative Code, the Commission conditioned the stay upon the posting of good and sufficient bond, or the posting of a corporate undertaking. The Commission noted that whatever method a company chose would be subject to Commission approval, prior to the effective date of the new rates.

On April 25, 1989, ITI filed a Notice of Corporate Undertaking with the Commission. By Order No. 21396, issued June 16, 1989, the Commission approved ITI's request to charge rates above the applicable ATT-C time-of-day rates, plus operator service charges, subject to the Notice of Corporate Undertaking.

On July 3, 1989, ITI filed a Motion for Clarification of Order No. 21396, along with a Request for Oral Argument on this motion. None of the parties in this docket have filed any response to ITI's motion.

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As Prehearing Officer, I have considered ITI's Request for Oral Argument and hereby announce my decision to deny ITI's Request. I do not believe that oral argument would aid the Commission's understanding of the issues in this docket, nor do I believe oral argument will contribute to the expeditious resolution of these proceedings.

Therefore, based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Thomas M. Beard, as Prehearing Officer, that the Request for Oral Argument filed by International Telecharge, Inc. on July 3, 1989, is hereby denied as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this docket remain open.

By ORDER of Commissioner Thomas M. Beard, as Prehearing Officer, this 5th day of September, 1989.


THOMAS M. BEARD, Commissioner
and Prehearing Officer

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