

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff to eliminate the intrastate \$5.00 charge for a change in presubscription for GTE and reference the nonrecurring charge for a change in the primary interexchange carrier as set forth in GTE FCC No. 1 by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (T-90-086, Filed 3-1-1990).)	DOCKET NO. 900216-TL
)	ORDER NO. 22849
)	ISSUED: 4-23-90

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

- MICHAEL MCK. WILSON, Chairman
- THOMAS M. BEARD
- BETTY EASLEY
- GERALD L. GUNTER
- JOHN T. HERNDON

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

Presubscription allows end user subscribers to use their designated primary toll carrier by dialing 1+ or 0+. On November 15, 1984, in Order No. 13858, we decided to mirror the interstate presubscription. The interstate plan included a nonrecurring charge of \$5.00 per line or trunk when an end user changes his presubscribed interexchange carrier after the initial six months of balloting and allocation procedures have occurred following equal access conversion.

In Order No. 13858, we stated: "By so mirroring, we are implementing a \$5.00 intrastate non-recurring charge for a change in carriers in addition to the \$5.00 interstate carrier change charge approved by the FCC as part of the NECA tariff. We believe this is more representative of the cost of taking the presubscription change order than would be realized if no intrastate charge were assessed... We do not know the exact cost to the companies of preparing and executing a presubscription change order because the cost estimates submitted by the companies ranged from \$5.72 to \$31.27 per line. A more precise cost will undoubtedly be established during a LEC rate case." Order No. 13858, page 6.

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During the five and a half years after Order No. 13858 was issued, there were no formal LEC rate cases and the intrastate PIC change charge has remained at \$5.00. Since 1984 there have been several changes to the interstate PIC change charge. Rather than a universal \$5.00 PIC change charge imposed by all Florida LECs on the end user, the interstate charge is currently designed to fully recover the processing costs for a PIC change on a LEC specific basis. Southern Bell (SBT), GTEFL and Centel's interstate PIC change charges are now \$1.65, \$4.14 and \$4.00 respectively while the other LECs concurring in the interstate NECA tariff, in Florida, who offer equal access have retained the \$5.00 interstate PIC change charge.

On January 18, 1990, MCI Telecommunications Corporation filed a petition to investigate and eliminate or reduce the intrastate primary interexchange carrier (PIC) change charge for all Florida-based LECs which resulted in the opening of Docket No. 900037-TI. GTEFL and SBT filed Petitions for Leave to Intervene on February 5, 1990 and February 12, 1990, respectively. Docket No. 900037-TI is currently scheduled for the July 17, 1990, agenda to allow sufficient time for the parties in that docket to perform discovery.

GTEFL voluntarily requested that SBT change their tariff to eliminate the intrastate PIC change charge for end users in GTEFL's service territory. SBT filed revised tariffs to comply with GTEFL's request which are the focus of this docket. GTEFL seeks, with the approval of this filing, to eliminate its current intrastate \$5.00 PIC change charge and reference its interstate \$4.14 PIC change charge set forth in the GTEFL Telephone Operating Company's Tariff FCC No. 1. According to GTEFL, the revenue associated with the intrastate PIC change charges, for the 12 month period from December, 1988 through November, 1989, totaled \$648,724. After end users have experienced equal access, the number of PIC changes is expected, by GTEFL, to diminish. As a result, GTEFL estimates that if the intrastate PIC change charge remains unchanged, intrastate PIC changes will decline substantially in 1990. GTEFL has forecast that if the \$5.00 intrastate PIC change charge were to remain in effect for all of 1990, intrastate PIC change charges for 1990 would decline to \$454,107. Currently, GTEFL customers pay \$9.14 for a PIC change. Approval of this filing would decrease the total PIC change charge to \$4.14.

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GTEFL argues the total costs associated with PIC change charges are fully assigned as interstate costs recovered by the current \$4.14 interstate PIC change charge and that approval of this tariff filing will enhance the competitive telecommunications environment thus benefiting GTEFL's customers.

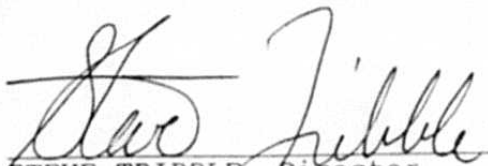
These assertions may be true. However, this Commission would rather decide these issues at the same time as it decides the related issues in Docket No. 900037-TI. Therefore, we hereby suspend this tariff pending the resolution of these issues in Docket No. 900037-TI.

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, by the Florida Public Service Commission, that the proposed tariff filing by Southern Bell to eliminate the intrastate \$5.00 charge for a change in presubscription for GTE Florida, Inc. and reference the nonrecurring charge for a change in the primary interexchange carrier in the GTE Telephone Operating Companies Tariff "FCC No. 1" is suspended pending resolution of this matter in Docket No. 900037-TI. It is further,

ORDERED that this docket will remain open pending resolution of Docket No. 900037-TI.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 23rd day of APRIL, 1990.



STEVE TRIBBLE, 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 120.59(4), 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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or sewer 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 after the issuance of this order, 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.