

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff filing to)	DOCKET NO. 900515-TL
establish the rates and charges for)	
Meet-Me-Conference by GTE FLORIDA)	ORDER NO. 23211
INCORPORATED)	
)	ISSUED: 7-18-90

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHAEL McK. WILSON, Chairman
 BETTY EASLEY
 GERALD L. GUNTER
 FRANK S. MESSERSMITH

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF PROPOSAL

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 21, 1990, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL or the Company), proposed revisions to its General Services Tariff establishing the rates and charges for Meet-Me-Conference. This new service will replace the existing conference service provided under a lease arrangement with AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (ATT-C), which is scheduled to end October 31, 1990. The current conference service will remain in effect until the contract expires, then the Company will eliminate that service. GTEFL's Meet-Me-Conference is a 140 port capacity bridging service which allows the customer to access conference bridges with the carrier of his choice. Various conference services and enhanced services will be available.

Currently, GTEFL provides a "dial-out" conference service via a manual cordboard with a capacity of 30 ports in a joint arrangement with ATT-C. The conference operator dials each party at the arranged time and connects them with dial-out conference service using the existing conference bridge. With this service, the individual who arranges the conference call must be in GTEFL's territory and would have the operator dial out to all conferees. For example, if there are three legs to the call--one from Tampa to Clearwater, one from Tampa to Tallahassee, and one from Tampa to Miami--the GTEFL operator would arrange the call by calling all the conferees and charge the originator of the conference call the interLATA intrastate ATT-C rate for all three calls plus a surcharge for each leg of the call. Normally, an interLATA call must be

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handled by an ATT-C operator; however, in this instance the call can be handled by a GTEFL operator. But, ATT-C was permitted by the Department of Justice Modified Consent Decree to lease operator services from the local exchange companies until October 31, 1990, so long as the technology being used was in place prior to 1984. The processing of these calls will cease with the expiration of the ATT-C Operator Service lease October 31, 1990, and GTEFL will begin providing its own operator services for its conference bridging.

Meet-Me-Conference service will differ from the current service in several ways. First, Meet-Me-Conference will be a "dial-in" service whereby the conferees must call into the originator of the conference call vis-a-vis a predetermined number. For example, in the conference call scenario outlined above, each of the respective conferees would dial into the originator of the conference call, who must be in GTEFL's territory. Each conferee would be charged the respective rates for his leg of the call and the originator would be charged the appropriate rates for organizing the call. In addition, the customer will be able to pick his carrier of choice, and GTEFL will provide a bridging service with a 140 port capacity.

Meet-Me-Conference will consist of two services: Meet-Me-Unattended and Meet-Me-Operator Controlled. With Meet-Me-Unattended, the customer can call the conference operator in advance and establish the date, time, number of parties, features desired, and the passcode for the conference call. At the appointed time, the parties can enter the passcode and access the conference without operator assistance. When using the Meet-Me-Operator Controlled feature, parties dial into the bridge and the operator manually bridges the parties together for the conference call. In addition, the following enhanced services will be offered with Meet-Me-Unattended and Meet-Me-Operator Controlled: notification, monitoring, tape recording, and quoting of time and charges.

Because this is a new service the customer impact will be the new rates set forth in the tariff. Further, the rates for GTEFL's proposed Meet-Me-Conference are not comparable to the conference service the Company currently uses. The current service is based on point-to-point, person to person toll rates, plus operator surcharges that are accumulated and charged to the customer. However, the Meet-Me-Conference is

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different because each party pays a toll to reach the conference bridge. GTEFL's Meet-Me-Conference service is similar in concept with Central Telephone Company of Florida's and United Telephone Company of Florida's conference service. But, the individual rates of the companies are not comparable because of different rate structures.

Upon consideration, we find that GTEFL's tariff proposal to establish the rates and charges for Meet-Me-Conference is appropriate. We are satisfied that the rates charged will cover the costs, along with an adequate contribution. Accordingly, we will approve the Revision with a July 20, 1990 effective date.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that GTE Florida Incorporated's proposed tariff filing to establish the rates and charges for Meet-Me-Conference is hereby approved with an effective date of July 20, 1990. It is further

ORDERED that this docket is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission,
this 18th day of July, 1990.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Hizon
Chief, Bureau of Records

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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.