

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff filing to)	DOCKET NO. 910598-TL
eliminate provision of Improved Mobile)	ORDER NO. 24721
Telephone Service (IMTS) by CENTRAL)	ISSUED: 6/27/91
TELEPHONE COMPANY OF FLORIDA)	
)	

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman
 J. TERRY DEASON
 BETTY EASLEY
 GERALD L. GUNTER
 MICHAEL MCK. WILSON

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 11, 1991, Central Telephone Company of Florida (Centel or the Company) filed a tariff proposing to eliminate the provision of Improved Mobile Telephone Service (IMTS). The Company maintains that its IMTS equipment continues to deteriorate, that the transmitters are obsolete, and that parts are not available to make necessary repairs to allow the service to continue. Centel further claims that the base stations have been discontinued by the manufacturer for approximately ten years and that service has been maintained by substituting used components.

The Company contends that the current cellular and mobile market makes reinvestment in IMTS inadvisable. Accordingly, Centel intends to retire its IMTS systems after existing customers have been notified of the discontinuance of the service and have been given the opportunity to secure alternative service. The Company has requested an effective date of August 30, 1991, for discontinuation of the service.

We believe that there are ample competitive substitutes for Centel's IMTS customers. Additionally, the Company intends to notify, in writing, the relatively few customers currently taking the service. Therefore, we hereby approve Centel's tariff to eliminate the provision of IMTS.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the proposed tariff of Central Telephone Company of Florida to

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eliminate the provision of Mobile Telephone Service is hereby approved, with an effective date of August 30, 1991. It is further

ORDERED that Central Telephone Company of Florida shall notify, in writing, existing customers of the service. It is further

ORDERED that this tariff shall become effective on August 30, 1991. If a timely protest is filed this tariff shall remain in effect with any increase held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 27th day of JUNE, 1991.



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.

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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 action proposed files a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.036(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a)(d) and (e), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on July 18, 1991

In the absence of such a petition, this Order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

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.

If this Order becomes final on the date described above, any party adversely affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by 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 of the date this Order becomes final, 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.