

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff filing to add)	DOCKET NO. 910630-TL
additional features and make structural)	ORDER NO. 24723
changes to CentraNet service by GTE)	ISSUED: 6/27/91
FLORIDA INCORPORATED)	

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 January 28, 1991, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL or the Company) filed a tariff proposing to restructure its CentraNet Service by combining features into groups or packages of services. CentraNet is GTEFL's digital centrex offering available from GTD5 and 5ESS digital switches. The Company also proposes to offer additional features which are enhancements to the customers' current communications network. The additional features include Last Number Redial, CentraNet Management System, and Multi-Account CentraNet, as well as other features.

As a result of the restructuring of CentraNet service, the Company will offer feature packages instead of individual features. These packages are designed to compete with the customer premises equipment (CPE) alternatives available today. The first group, Series 1000, will compete with the features found in small key systems. Series 2000 will compare to larger key systems, and Series 3000 will compete with PBX systems. These packages were designed according to the services most commonly ordered by the various sizes of business customers and those included in the competing CPE alternatives. Optional features are available in addition to the various packages so the customer can tailor the network to meet demand. The Company believes this restructure will be easier for the customer to understand and allow for a better comparison when making a telecommunications purchasing decision.

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In the restructure, GTEFL will obsolete the current CentraNet tariff as it will no longer be applicable due to the new service packages. The Company will retain the existing rules and regulations and eliminate separate charges for common equipment and system establishment due to the feature packages. Existing customers will be able to continue ordering out of the obsolete tariff until expiration of their contract. At that time they will have a choice of continuing their existing service or converting to one of the proposed packages; thus, existing customers will not be affected unless they choose to contract for the new service. The Company also intends to grandfather approximately 10 features which currently have no subscribers. Many of these features are used in large systems and can be individually priced if required; however, GTEFL's experience has shown limited customer interest within its market area.

GTEFL asserts that this tariff will help standardize the structure of CentraNet, thereby cutting the cost of customized provisioning. The Company also claims that the new structure will be less confusing to the end user and provide for an easier comparison when shopping for communications systems. Additionally, based on the information provided by the Company, the rates appear to cover costs along with providing adequate contribution to the Company's general overhead. We believe that GTEFL's tariff proposal is appropriate, and hereby approve it as filed.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that GTE Florida Incorporated's proposed tariff to add additional features and make structural changes to CentraNet service is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that, this tariff shall become effective on June 14, 1991. It is further

ORDERED that the proposed rates shall become final if no timely protest is filed. If a timely protest is filed, the tariff shall remain in effect with revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed.

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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.

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

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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.