

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff filing to	)	DOCKET NO. 910782-TI
introduce AT&T 800 Plan E, a switched	)	
800 service calling plan, by AT&T	)	ORDER NO. 24969
COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES,	)	
INC. (T-91-334 FILED 7/18/91)	)	ISSUED: 8/26/91
	)	

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING TO INTRODUCE AT&T  
 800 PLAN E, A SWITCHED 800 SERVICE CALLING PLAN

BY THE COMMISSION:

AT&T Communication of the Southern States, Inc. (the Company, or ATT-C) submitted a proposed tariff to introduce a new service known as AT&T 800 Plan E. This is as an add-on to the same service offered in the interstate jurisdiction. Interstate AT&T 800 Plan E went into effect on July 4, 1991.

AT&T 800 Plan E is a switched service which permits 800 number calling from stations located in the state of Florida to a station associated with a customer's local exchange telephone number. That is, the subscriber's access line for AT&T 800 Plan E is the same line as his or her local exchange line. A customer may select the area codes within the state from which calls will be accepted. For instance, a customer located in the 305 area code might select the 305 and 407 area codes as codes from which long distance calls would be accepted on the AT&T 800 Plan E, thereby blocking calls from stations in the 904 and 813 area codes.

A customer must subscribe to interstate AT&T 800 Plan E in order to subscribe to intrastate AT&T 800 Plan E. This allows the Company to provide the service to customers in a jurisdictionally seamless way.

This service is expected to attract business customers with between \$50 and \$2,000 in monthly usage. ATT-C anticipates that there will be 7 customers during the first year with estimated revenues of \$4,200.

The proposed rates for the service are \$18.29 per hour, \$13.91 per hour, and \$11.82 per hour for daytime, evening, and night/weekend periods, respectively. These rates are higher than the rates for a very similar existing service known as AT&T 800

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Readyline Service. By comparison, intrastate AT&T 800 Readyline Service rates are \$15.12 per hour, \$13.50 per hour, and \$11.70 per hour for daytime, evening, and night/weekend periods, respectively. The major difference between the two services is that, for AT&T 800 Plan E, usage charges on several stations for any single customer are aggregated for the purposes of qualifying for the monthly volume discount package associated with the plan. AT&T 800 Plan E hourly charges in excess of \$200 per month will be discounted 10%. While the AT&T 800 Readyline has a similar volume discount package, no aggregation of multiple station charges is allowed. Both services are provisioned over common lines rather than dedicated lines.

The proposed rates for intrastate AT&T 800 Plan E are higher than the approved rates for interstate AT&T 800 Plan E. Interstate AT&T 800 Plan E rates are \$15.30 per hour, \$10.68 per hour, and \$8.40 per hour for day, evening, and night/weekend periods, respectively. One reason for higher proposed rates for intrastate service is the higher cost associated with intrastate access compared to the cost associated with interstate access. Upon review, we find that the proposed rates for AT&T 800 Plan are reasonable.

ATT-C maintains that the proposed rates exceed the costs of the service. Taking into account the volume discount feature offered as a part of the plan, the per minute equivalent rate for AT&T 800 Plan E (daytime) is \$.27435, compared to the rates for LEC daytime premium access in the state, which ranges from \$.1322 (Southern Bell) to \$.19131 (Vista-United). Thus, we find that proposed rates for AT&T Plan E exceed the cost of LEC access, as is required by this Commission. Other identifiable costs of providing this 800 service, such as billing and collection (estimated by the Company to be \$.005 per minute) are de minimus.

The Company states that AT&T 800 Plan E is offered in response to competition in the industry. MCI's Option R is a similar service to the proposed AT&T 800 Plan E and appears to have motivated ATT-C to offer the instant 800 plan.

We find that this service will allow ATT-C to provide a competitive response to changes taking place within the 800 market. In addition, business customers will benefit from reduced rates for volume calling. Therefore, we approve the tariff filing by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. to introduce AT&T 800 Plan E to become effective August 19, 1991.

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If a timely protest is filed this tariff shall remain in effect with any revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this Docket shall be closed.


Based upon the foregoing it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the tariff filing by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. to introduce AT&T 800 Plan E, a switched 800 service calling plan, is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the tariff shall become effective on August 19, 1991. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed, as set forth below, this tariff shall remain in effect with any revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this Docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Public Service Commission, this 26th day of AUGUST, 1991.

  
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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

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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 9/16/91

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.