

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition by subscribers) DOCKET NO. 920643-TL
of Madison County (Madison,) ORDER NO. PSC-93-0581-FOF-TL
Cherry Lake, Greenville, and Lee) ISSUED: April 14, 1993
exchanges) for extended area)
service between Madison County)
and Leon County.)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman
THOMAS M. BEARD
JULIA L. JOHNSON
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER REQUIRING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXTENDED AREA SERVICE

BY THE COMMISSION:

This docket was initiated pursuant to a petition filed by the subscribers of Madison County for extended area service (EAS) to Leon County. The petition requested EAS from the Madison, Cherry Lake, Greenville, and Lee exchanges to the Tallahassee exchange. We included the Monticello exchange to avoid leapfrogging exchanges. The Madison, Cherry Lake, Greenville and Lee exchanges are all located in Madison County; the Monticello exchange is located in Jefferson County; and the Tallahassee exchange is located in Leon County. Central Telephone Company of Florida (Centel or the Company) serves all of the above-mentioned exchanges, all of which are located within the Tallahassee Market Area. The Madison County exchanges have EAS to each other, the Monticello exchange has EAS to Tallahassee, and the Tallahassee exchange has EAS to the Crawfordville, Havana, Monticello, Panacea, St. Marks, Sopchoppy, Hosford, and Bristol exchanges. Tallahassee also has a message rate plan to Greensboro, Chattahoochee, Gretna, and Quincy (5 free calls and \$.20 per call over 5).

By Order No. PSC-92-0823-FOF-TL, issued August 17, 1992, we required the Company to conduct traffic studies on these routes. By Order No. PSC-92-1492-FOF-TL, issued December 24, 1992, we required Centel to survey the customers in the Greenville exchange for non-optional, flat rate, two-way EAS between the Greenville and Monticello and Greenville and Tallahassee exchanges using the 25/25 plan with regrouping. It was further ordered that the Company implement the \$.25 plan on the Madison/Tallahassee and Madison/Monticello routes within six (6) months of the date the aforementioned order became final.

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Based on the results of the survey, we find that Centel shall implement non-optional, flat rate, two-way EAS on the Greenville to Tallahassee and Greenville to Monticello routes as soon as possible but no later than twelve (12) months from the issuance date of this Order.

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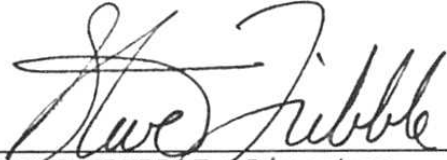
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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 14th
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STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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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 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 Civil Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900 (a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.