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TO : DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM : DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS [BOYD] *BB RAT*  
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RE : DOCKET NO. 930664-TL: PROPOSED TARIFF FILING TO EXPAND  
FEATURE GROUP D (FGD) SERVICE TO INCLUDE SWITCHED 64 DATA  
SERVICE AS A NON-CHARGEABLE FEATURE BY GTEFL,  
INCORPORATED (T-93-382, FILED 7/2/93)

AGENDA: AUGUST 17, 1993 - CONTROVERSIAL - PARTIES MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: 60 DAYS EXPIRES AUGUST 31, 1993

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: I:\PSC\CMU\WP\930664.RCM

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CASE BACKGROUND

GTEFL currently offers Switched 56 Kbps Data service with Feature Group D (FGD) as a non-chargeable option. This filing proposes to offer the identical service, as a non-chargeable option, at a 64 Kbps digital transmission speed. As compared to Switched 56, Switched 64 service allows for faster set-up time and full bandwidth availability.

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### DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

**ISSUE 1:** Should GTEFL's tariff proposal to expand FGD service to include Switched 64 Data service as a non-chargeable optional feature be approved?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes, GTEFL's tariff should be approved.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** Switched 64 Data service provides a 64Kbps digital transmission with clear channel capability, utilizing the public switched telephone network, between a customer's designated location (CDL) and a suitably equipped end office. Clear channel capability basically allows for full bandwidth availability to the customer. (Switched data and non-switched data may not be combined on the same trunk group). A typical customer of this service will be an IXC, using FGD provisioning, to carry voice traffic from his point-of-presence (POP) to GTEFL's end office or vice versa.

Switched 64 Data service requires all digital facilities including the use of a DS1 digital interface and is available only from end offices capable of providing SS7 signaling. Switch types used for the provisioning of this service include 4ESS, 5ESS, and DMS 100. Approximately 23% of GTEFL's end offices are capable of offering this service.

Switched 64 Data service will be provided to a customer at no charge, however, a separate FGD trunk group must be purchased for the provision of the service. A customer subscribing to this service will be assessed normal FGD switched access charges on a per minute of use basis. Switched 64 service is simply a programming change to the existing software; there are no costs incurred by GTEFL for the provisioning of this service.

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**ISSUE 2:** Should this docket be closed?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes, if issue 1 is approved this tariff should become effective August 17, 1993. If a timely protest is filed, this tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenue held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket should be closed.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** At the conclusion of the protest period, if no protest is filed, this docket should be closed.