

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 931145-TL
tariff filing to introduce) ORDER NO. PSC-94-0121-FOF-TL
Individual Line Loop Extension) ISSUED: February 1, 1994
to the Integrated Services)
Digital Network Single Line and)
Basic Rate Interface offerings)
by GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED.)
(T-93-688 filed 11/23/93))
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On November 23, 1993, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL or the Company) filed a tariff to introduce Individual Line Loop Extension (ILLE) to its Integrated Services Digital Network-Basic Rate Interface (ISDN-BRI) and Integrated Services Digital Network-Single Line (ISDN-SL) services. ISDN-ILLE provides a physical extension of the loop beyond the 18,000 foot or 34 decibel (db) loss limit of an ISDN-capable central office. The Company intends to target potential customers that desire ISDN service, but are located beyond these limits.

The loop extension is accomplished by regenerating the digital signal. This requires the use of a central office mounted channel bank, a regenerator power unit, and a field regenerator. While the channel bank is central office common equipment, the regenerator power unit and the field regenerator are loop-specific items. A power unit and field regenerator are needed for each loop extension.

The Company is introducing this service as a way to enhance the sale of ISDN-BRI and ISDN-SL services. By extending ISDN service beyond its present limit, the Company will be able to sell ISDN-BRI/SL service to customers who are presently unable to subscribe. This will provide the Company with additional revenues.

The nonrecurring rates for ILLE-BRI and ILLE-SL are the same, while the recurring rate for ILLE-BRI is slightly higher than the

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recurring rate for ILLE-SL. The Company states that the current loop charges for ISDN-BRI are based on average loop lengths and that potential ISDN-BRI customers who are further away from an ISDN-capable office should pick up the additional loop cost in their monthly extension service rates. ISDN-SL customers, however, are already paying for access line facilities for loops greater than 18,000 feet because they pay B1 or R1 rates, in addition to ISDN rates. B1 and R1 rates implicitly relate to loop facilities of all applicable lengths.

Under the Company's proposed rates, there will be no contribution from nonrecurring rates, while the contribution from recurring rates will be approximately five percent. These contribution levels appear adequate, since ILLE service is designed to encourage the sale of ISDN-BRI/SL services. The difference between the recurring costs is based on the cost of additional loop facilities for ISDN-BRI customers.

Upon consideration, we find GTEFL's tariff filing to introduce ISDN-ILLE to be appropriate. This filing will offer ISDN services to customers who previously were unable to utilize such services.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that GTE Florida Incorporated's tariff proposal to introduce Individual Line Loop Extension to the Integrated Services Digital Network Single Line and Basic Rate Interface offerings (T-93-688 filed November 23, 1993) is hereby approved effective January 22, 1994. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed, this tariff shall remain in effect, with any increase in 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 Florida Public Service Commission, this 1st day of February, 1994.

Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Helms
Chief, Bureau of Records

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 February 22, 1994.

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 wastewater 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.