

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 940112-TI
tariff filing to restructure) ORDER NO. PSC-94-0252-FOF-TI
intrastate Conference Service by) ISSUED: March 7, 1994
AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE)
SOUTHERN STATES, INC. (T-94-044)
FILED 1/28/94)

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 28, 1994, AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (ATT-C) filed a tariff proposing to restructure its Operator Handled Conference Service (OHCS) and to rename it Conference Service. The service provides calling between a calling station and two or more called stations on a single connection. All stations on a conference connection may communicate with each other or one station may, at the customer's discretion, be arranged as the transmitting station with all other stations receiving. OHCS may be provided to a specified person or to a specified telephone number.

With OHCS, the person wanting to set up a conference call calls a listed 800 number and makes the call arrangements, such as the time the call is to commence and the numbers of the calling parties, with a service representative. At the appointed time, the operator selects a bridge, then calls the parties and adds them in. In effect, the parties are being called by the conference call originator. For each party called, a \$10.00 set-up fee as well as a \$.49 per minute charge is assessed on the originator of the call. If 5 parties are involved, the originator is charged for the 4 other callers.

OHCS is structured to delineate between calling parties and the called party. The restructured service, Conference Service, performs virtually the same functions; however, the pricing is being restructured to recognize that all parties are linked. If there are 5 parties involved, the originator is charged for all 5 parties. Other providers price in this fashion and ATT-C claims

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that is has found it difficult to meet competition using the OHCS structure.

This restructure has been completed at the interstate level. ATT-C is requesting to restructure this service at the intrastate level to mirror its interstate tariff. The proposed charges for Conference Service consist of per minute usage charges for the Conference leg and the Bridge Port as well as an operator set up charge.

The Company estimates the revenue impact will be \$45,000. This is based on conference calls being daytime, lasting 33.5 minutes on average, and consisting of 5 stations.

Upon consideration, we find that the tariff should be approved. There appears to be numerous competitors offering similar conference services. The rates do not appear to be unreasonable in comparison to those of ATT-C's competitors.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.'s tariff proposing to restructure its Operator Handled Conference Service (OHCS) and to rename it Conference Service is approved as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this tariff shall be effective February 27, 1994. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed pursuant to the requirements 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 Florida Public Service Commission, this 7th day of March, 1994.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Flynn
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 March 28, 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.