

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 941013-TL
tariff filing for E-911) ORDER NO. PSC-94-1377-FOF-TL
(Enhanced Emergency Service) for) ISSUED: November 14, 1994
Gulf County by ST. JOSEPH)
TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY)
(T-94-469 filed 9/1/94))

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman
SUSAN F. CLARK
JOE GARCIA
JULIA L. JOHNSON
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

This order addresses a tariff filing by St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company to provide Fully Enhanced E911 service in Gulf County.

Pursuant to Chapter 365.171, Florida Statutes, the Legislature enacted the "Florida Emergency Telephone Act." The Legislature deemed it to be in the public interest to shorten the time required for a Florida resident to request and receive emergency aid, whether it be law enforcement, fire, medical, rescue, and other emergency services.

Currently there are five different type of 911 emergency systems operating in various counties throughout the State of Florida. They are:

Basic 911: This 911 service has regular telephone connections from each of the central offices in the area to a central answering point (such as the County Sheriff's office) and a caller must remain on the line and give the answering party all necessary information for the particular type emergency.

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Basic 911 with ANI: This 911 service is identical to the above except that the ANI (Automatic Number Identification), i.e., the calling telephone number, is passed on to the answering point.

Basic 911 with ANI and ALI: This 911 service is identical to the Basic 911 with ANI, except that the ALI (Automatic Location Identification), i.e., the caller's street address, is also passed on to the answering point. The equipment needed to provide ALI is located on the customer's premises. This type is also known as a Stand Alone Identification System (SALI).

Fully Enhanced E911: This E911 service is provided by the regulated Local Exchange Company (LEC) and includes all the required equipment, connections and selective routing, ANI, ALI, and selective transfer

Enhanced E911: With this E911 service, the LEC provides the required telephone connections, ANI, and customer records. The County controlled premises equipment provides selective routing, ALI and selective transfer.

The Fully Enhanced E911 systems are the ones most preferred since they provide the features allowing for the quickest response to an emergency situation.

This tariff filing seeks approval of a Fully Enhanced E911 system provided by St. Joseph Telephone and Telegraph Company (St. Joe or the Company) to Gulf County. Currently Gulf County is one of the few remaining counties in the state without any type of Emergency Telephone Service (911). St. Joe and the Florida Department of Management Services' Communication Division have been working with Gulf County, as well as the adjoining counties of Calhoun, Franklin, and Liberty, for implementation of Enhanced E911 service. St. Joe provides local exchange telephone service in the four county area. Franklin County has the Basic 911 service and under the arrangement would upgrade to the Enhanced E911 service at some date in the future.

Under this filing, St. Joe will provide Enhanced E911 Service to Gulf County and the county will be assessed the rates and charges shown in the tariff filing. At the outset, the rates and charges cover only St. Joe's costs amortized over a ten year period. Once another county is added to the system, the charges for Gulf County and the added county will be adjusted so that the rates and charges provide approximately a ten (10) percent contribution. The rates and charges will be adjusted again when

the third and fourth counties are added to the system. Since Emergency 911 Service is mandated by statute and in the public interest, a ten (10) percent contribution level is considered to be adequate.

The contract period is for twelve months and is automatically renewed for successive periods of one year. Should the service be terminated by the county prior to the tenth one year anniversary, a liquidation penalty will be assessed. Conditions under which maintenance and repairs will be provided are outlined on sheets 9 and 10.

Initial service to Gulf County provides for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) to be located at:

Gulf County Sheriff's Office (Primary)

Port St. Joe Police Department (Secondary)

At least one PSAP must be staffed on a 24-hour, seven days per week basis. The PSAP is responsible for dispatching, or having others dispatch, police, fire, ambulance or any other emergency services as required.

The rate structure provides for nonrecurring and monthly recurring charges which are:

Nonrecurring Charges:

E911 Equipment and Data Base \$147,322.00

Monthly Recurring:

Equipment Charges \$ 2,390.45

Network Services Charges *

Data Base Administration 300.00

* Charges for lines and trunks as provided in other sections of the General Exchange Tariff.

Upon consideration, we find that this E911 filing shall be approved effective October 31, 1994.

Based on the foregoing, it is

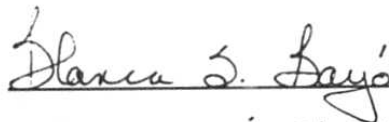
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the tariff to provide E911 service in Gulf County filed by St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company is hereby approved effective October 31, 1994.

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ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, the tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 14th day of November, 1994.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, 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.

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, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on December 5, 1994.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

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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.