

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 950801-TL
tariff filing to add an) ORDER NO. PSC-95-1055-FOF-TL
additional data transmission) ISSUED: August 24, 1995
speed to Digital Data Access)
Service (DDAS) in Access)
Services tariff by United)
Telephone Company of Florida.)
(T-95-343 filed 6/9/95))
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

United Telephone Company of Florida (United) filed proposed revisions to its Access Services Tariff on June 9, 1995 to add an additional data transmission speed to its Digital Data Access Service (DDAS). Currently, United offers 2.4, 4.8, 9.6 and 56 Kilobit per second (Kbps) speeds for this service. With this filing, United proposes to offer a 19.2 Kbps speed. United has received requests from customers to offer this speed for DDAS.

Service Description

DDAS is a 4-wire dedicated digital service designed to transmit data between customer locations. The service is offered on a point-to-point and multipoint basis. For example, a customer may order a 9.6 Kbps facility from a designated premises to a company hub for multiplexing to two 4.8 Kbps channels. The 4.8 Kbps channels may be further multiplexed at the same or a different hub, or may be extended to other customer designated premises.

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Customer Impact

The DDAS rate elements consist of non-recurring charges for establishing each channel and a monthly recurring charge. United offers different recurring rates for month-to-month or term contract payment plans. The rates for the proposed 19.2 Kbps speed are the same as the rates for the slower speeds. This relationship is consistent with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's (Southern Bell) DDAS offering. Although United initially concurred in Southern Bell's filing to introduce DDAS, it now offers DDAS in its own tariff with slightly different rates.

United initially concurred with Southern Bell's DDAS tariff filing. In Order No. 25582, issued January 8, 1992, we granted rate reductions for Synchronet Service and DDAS for Southern Bell, and United filed rate revisions to concur. The reductions were proposed in response to increased competition experienced in the provision of intraLATA digital services. We examined the proposed rates in that docket to insure that the rates exceeded the long run incremental cost to provide the service. The cost to provide the proposed 19.2 Kbps speed in this filing mirrors those presented in Docket No. 890505-TL. The addition of the optional 19.2 Kbps speed does not have a negative impact on ratepayers. United has been offering 19.2 Kbps DDAS on an individual case basis, as it is allowed under its contract service arrangement authority. Therefore, United does not expect a revenue change as a result of the additional transmission speed.

Accordingly, we approve United's tariff, effective August 8, 1995.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that United Telephone Company of Florida's tariff to add an additional data transmission speed to its Digital Data Access Service is approved. It is further

ORDERED that this tariff shall be effective August 8, 1995. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, 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.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 24th
day of August, 1995.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

by: Kay Flynn
Chief, Bureau of Records

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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, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on September 14, 1995.

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.

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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.