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Date APRIL 1, 1996

Docket No. 960402-TT

- 1. Division Name/Staff Name COMMUNICATIONS/STAVANJA
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4. Suggested Docket Title DETERMINATION OF THE APPROPRIATENESS OF TARIFF FILING BY GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED WHICH CHANGED THE APPLICATION OF ACCESS LINE RATES FOR BULLETIN BOARD INFORMATION PROVIDERS (T-96-026 FILED 1/17/96)

5. Suggested Docket Mailing List (attach separate sheet if necessary)

- A. Provide NAMES ONLY for regulated companies or ACRONYMS ONLY regulated industries, as shown in Rule 25-22.104, F.A.C.
- B. Provide COMPLETE name and address for all others. (Match representatives to clients.)

1. Parties and their representatives (if any)

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2. Interested Persons and their representatives (if any)

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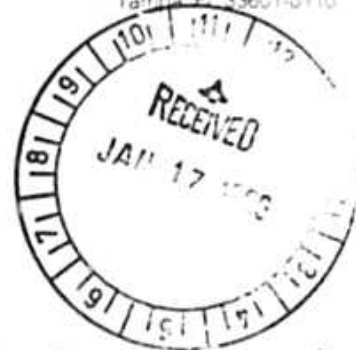
6. Check one:

- Documentation is attached.
- Documentation will be provided with the recommendation.

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January 17, 1996

Mr. Walter D'Haeseleer, Director
Division of Communications
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850



Dear Mr. D'Haeseleer:

Attached are four (4) copies of the following page from our General Services Tariff:

Section A2

2nd Revised Page 8

This proposed tariff filing clarifies regulations regarding the application of rates for business or residence local access line service associated with GTE customers that provide Electronic Bulletin Board information and services through the use of GTE local access lines.

It would be appreciated if you would handle this filing with the Commissioners and members of the Staff, as appropriate, for approval.

Acknowledgement, date of receipt, and authority number of this filing are requested. A duplicate letter of transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Sincerely,

Beverly Y. Menard

Beverly Y. Menard
Regional Director - Regulatory
and Industry Affairs

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Enclosures

GTE FLORIDA, INCORPORATED
BULLETIN BOARD SERVICES
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION:

This proposed tariff filing clarifies regulations regarding the application of rates for business or residence local access line service associated with GTE customers that provide Electronic Bulletin Board information and services through the use of GTE local access lines. This clarification will allow the GTE service representative to apply the proper business or residence rate on a standard basis depending on the customer line requirements at one customer location.

TARIFF CHANGES:

Current tariff language is not clear in the specific instance regarding the proper line type classification for Bulletin Board Service (BBS) providers. In the past, BBS local access lines were generally classified as business, but not always on a standard basis.

By making these changes and adding specific language appropriate to this relatively new customer use of GTE's local access lines, the administration of the general regulations will be simplified for our service representatives.

BUSINESS/RESIDENCE SERVICE:

The growing use of personal computers has increased the number of local access lines demanded in the residential setting. It has been determined that BBS providers can either provide their services as a for profit business service or as a non-business hobby. The ability of our service representatives to make an accurate and standard decision on whether local access line services to a BBS provider customer should be classified as a business or residence offering has been difficult in the past. By setting a specific number of local access lines at one location as the service classification determinant (six or more lines will be classified as a business, while five or less will be considered a residence service), a simplified, clear and constant decision can be made for all customers.

CUSTOMER EFFECT:

The expanded tariff language specifically applying to BBS will aid the customer by providing the ability to determine when business or residence local line rates will apply for their BBS specific service request. In addition, all customers requesting local line service in association with the provision of BBS will receive standardized decisions from all GTE service representatives on the required line classification for their particular request.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

No technology changes or additions are associated with this filing.

LET REVISION

A2.3 Establishment and Permitting of Service (Continued)

5 Application of Rates for Business and Residence Service (Continued)

b. (Continued)

- (4) At any location where a business designation is provided or when any title indicating a trade or profession is listed, except as modified under A2.3.5 c.(3).
- (5) At residence locations where an extension station or extension bell is located in any place where business rates would apply under the provisions of this section.
- (6) At all other locations where the subscriber's primary use of the service is for business purposes.
- c. Residence rates apply when the use of the service is of a domestic nature and provided that service is not used substantially for occupational purposes. Residence rates apply for:
- (1) Private residences on service not employing business listings.
 - (2) Private apartments in hotels, clubs and boarding houses where service is confined to the domestic use of the subscriber and business listings are not employed.
 - (3) The place of residence of a clergyman, physician, registered or practical nurse, midwife, dentist, veterinary surgeon or other medical practitioner or Christian Science practitioner, provided the service is not installed in that portion of the subscriber's residence which is used as an office, but is located in the subscriber's domestic establishment, and provided no business designation is employed. Titles such as "Dr.", "Rev.", "Judge", "Professor" are not considered business designations.
 - (4) Private stable or garage when strictly a part of the subscriber's domestic establishment.
 - (5) College fraternity houses where members of the fraternity lodge, or lodge and board, within the house.
 - (6) Secretarial line terminations of residence main service terminating as extension lines on the premises of a telephone answering bureau.
 - d. Changes from residence to business service may be made without change in telephone number. If the subscriber so desires, service charges, which apply for such changes, are quoted in Section A1. of this tariff.
- 6 Transfer of Service between Subscribers
- a. Service previously furnished under contract with one subscriber may be assumed by or transferred to, a new subscriber, provided there is no lapse in the rendition of service. Such transfers are subject to service connection charge regulations and may be arranged for in either of two ways:

(7) For access lines provided for use by electronic Bulletin Board Services (BBS) providers, business rates will apply to all access lines when 6 or more lines are ordered at one location. If five or less lines are ordered at one location by providers of electronic BBS, residence rates will apply.

TARIFF REVISIONS
LEGISLATIVE FORMAT

Material appearing on this page previously appeared on pages 6 and 7 of this section.
Material previously appearing on this page now appears on pages 10 and 11 of this section.

FETEL A. DHX'S
CHANCE B. ONE, PRESIDENT
DAVON, FLORIDA

EFFECTIVE: JAN 7 1981
ISSUED: JAN 7 1981

A2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

A2.3 Establishment and Furnishing of Service (Continued)

.5 Application of Rates for Business and Residence Service (Continued)

b. (Continued)

- (4) At any location where a business designation is provided or when any title indicating a trade or profession is listed, except as modified under A2.3.5c.(3). (T)
- (5) At residence locations where an extension station or extension bell is located in any place where business rates would apply under the provisions of this tariff. (T)
- (6) At all other locations where the subscriber's primary use of the service is for business purposes. (T)
- (7) For access lines provided for use by electronic Bulletin Board Services (BBS) providers, business rates will apply to all access lines when 6 or more lines are ordered at one location. If five or less lines are ordered at one location by providers of electronic BBS, residence rates will apply. (W)

c. Residence rates apply when the use of the service is of a domestic nature and provided that service is not used substantially for occupational purposes. Residence rates apply for:

- (1) Private residences on service not employing business listings.
- (2) Private apartments in hotels, clubs and boarding houses where service is confined to the domestic use of the subscriber and business listings are not employed.
- (3) The place of residence of a clergyman, physician, registered or practical nurse, midwife, dentist, veterinary surgeon or other medical practitioner or Christian Science practitioner, provided the service is not installed in that portion of the subscriber's residence which is used as an office, but is located in the subscriber's domestic establishment, and provided no business designation is employed. Titles such as "Dr.", "Rev.", "Judge", "Professor" are not considered business designations.
- (4) Private stable or garage when strictly a part of the subscriber's domestic establishment.
- (5) College fraternity houses where members of the fraternity lodge, or lodge and board, within the house.
- (6) Secretarial line terminations of residence main service terminating as extension lines on the premises of a telephone answering bureau.

d. Changes from residence to business service may be made without change in telephone number, if the subscriber so desires. Service charges, which apply for such changes, are quoted in Section A4. of this tariff.

.6 Transfer of Service between Subscribers

- a. Service previously furnished under contract with one subscriber may be assumed by or transferred to, a new subscriber, provided there is no lapse in the rendition of service. Such transfers are subject to service connection charge regulations and may be arranged for in either of two ways: