

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for exemption
from requirement of Rule 25-
24.515(13), F.A.C., that each
pay telephone station shall
allow incoming calls, by Peoples
Telephone Company, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 990251-TC
ORDER NO. PSC-99-1033-PAA-TC
ISSUED: May 21, 1999

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of
this matter:

JOE GARCIA, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER APPROVING EXEMPTION FROM REQUIREMENT THAT EACH TELEPHONE
STATION SHALL ALLOW INCOMING CALLS

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Florida Public Service
Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in
nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are
substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding,
pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

Under Rule 25-24.515(8), Florida Administrative Code, pay
telephones must allow incoming calls to be received unless they are
located at a confinement facility, hospital, school, or another
location specifically exempted by this Commission. Requests for an
exemption from this requirement must be accompanied by an
attestation by the owner of the pay telephone, the location
provider, and the chief of the responsible law enforcement agency
that the request is made to deter criminal activity at that pay
telephone.

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FPC-REGS/REPORTING

Peoples Telephone Company, Inc. has filed a Request for Exemption from the requirement that each telephone station shall allow incoming calls for each of the pay telephones listed below. The request includes an attestation by Peoples Telephone Company, Inc., the location provider, and the chief of police that the request is made in order to deter criminal activity facilitated by incoming calls being received at the pay telephones.

LOCATION	CITY	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Coastal #9032 5812 15th Street	East Oneco (Bradenton)	941/739-9460
Coastal #9032 5812 15th Street	East Oneco (Bradenton)	941/739-9450
Coastal #9032 5812 15th Street	East Oneco (Bradenton)	941/739-9459

The Request for Exemption was filed on March 4, 1999. The Notice of Request for Exemption was submitted to the Secretary of State for publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly pursuant to Section 120.542, Florida Statutes. No comments were submitted during the comment period, which ended April 16, 1999.

Upon consideration, it appears appropriate to grant the request of Peoples Telephone Company, Inc. Peoples Telephone Company, Inc. has demonstrated that these waivers are in the public interest under Sections 364.01 and 364.3375, Florida Statutes, in an effort to prevent criminal activity. Further, Peoples Telephone Company, Inc. has demonstrated that the enforcement of the incoming call requirement would result in substantial hardship for Peoples Telephone Company, Inc. as the requirement would allow the payphones to be used for continuing criminal activity. Pursuant to Rule 25-24.515(8), Florida Administrative Code, Peoples Telephone Company, Inc. must provide central office based intercept at no charge to the end user and must display a notice on each affected pay telephone stating, "Incoming calls blocked at the request of law enforcement."

Based on the foregoing, it is

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ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the request of Peoples Telephone Company, Inc. to block incoming calls at the pay telephones listed in the body of this Order is hereby approved. It is further

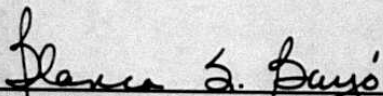
ORDERED that Peoples Telephone Company, Inc. shall provide central office based intercept at no charge to the end user at the pay telephones where incoming calls cannot be received. It is further

ORDERED that Peoples Telephone Company, Inc. shall display a notice on each pay telephone at which incoming calls are blocked stating, "Incoming calls blocked at the request of law enforcement." It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date set forth in the "Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, this Docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 21st day of May, 1999.



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 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing that is available under Section 120.57, 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 will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, 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 June 11, 1999.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a consummating order.

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.