BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of CENTRAL TELEPHONE)
COMPANY OF FLORIDA for a rate increase)

DOCKET NO. 891246-TL ORDER NO. 24233

ISSUED: 3-12-91

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman BETTY EASLEY GERALD L. GUNTER MICHAEL McK. WILSON

ORDER DENYING ALTERNATIVE REGULATORY PLAN

BY THE COMMISSION:

At our Special Agenda Conference of January 30 and 31, 1991, we considered, among other things, the request filed by Central Telephone Company of Florida (Centel or the Company) for approval of its proposed Incentive Regulation Plan (IRP). Although we rejected Centel's IRP as filed, we directed our staff to thoroughly review the extensive record that has been compiled in this proceeding and to return with a recommendation on the question of whether it is appropriate to authorize an alternative form of incentive regulation for Centel at this time. This decision is reflected in Order No. 24178, issued February 28, 1991.

Having now had an opportunity to review the record again, this time focusing solely on the question presented above, we have concluded that it is not appropriate for us to authorize such an alternative plan at this time. While we believe that alternative regulatory plans can provide incentives to operate more efficiently and innovatively and can be in the public interest, we find that the record that has been developed in this proceeding will not sufficiently support crafting an alternative to the plan proposed by Centel. Accordingly, we shall not authorize such an alternative plan.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that an alternative to the Incentive Regulation Plan proposed by Central Telephone Company of Florida shall not be authorized. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open in conjunction with the schedule for Dockets Nos. 870248-TL and 900539-TL.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 12th day of MARCH , 1991 .

STEVE TRIBBLE, 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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or sewer 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 after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The

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notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900 (a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.