

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of ) DOCKET NO. 930472-TL  
tariff filing to reduce ) ORDER NO. PSC-93-1060-FOF-TL  
recurring and non-recurring ) ISSUED: July 19, 1993  
rates for Single Party Access )  
feature by UNITED TELEPHONE )  
COMPANY OF FLORIDA )  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman  
THOMAS M. BEARD  
SUSAN F. CLARK  
JULIA L. JOHNSON  
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 30, 1993, United Telephone Company of Florida (United or the Company) filed a proposed tariff amendment to reduce recurring and non-recurring rates for Single Party Access Feature (SPAF). SPAF also known as "cutoff on disconnect", sends a signal to a subscriber's answering machine indicating that the calling party has disconnected and that recording should stop. Most answering machines manufactured since 1982 have this function built in and do not require the signal to complete the function. Answering machines manufactured prior to 1982 continue to record tone pulses (slow busy signal) after the caller has disconnected and until the tape in the machine ends.

The rates for this feature were based on costs associated with providing this service in an analog switch. An actual piece of hardware, a Tellabs 9134 Quad Line Card, had to be installed for this service to operate in an analog environment.

The proposed rates reflect the cost associated with a digital switch. In a digital environment, the feature is provided by a class designation in computer software. United is proposing to reduce the monthly recurring charge (MRC) for this service from \$28.40 to \$3.00.

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United currently has one customer subscribing to this service. Assuming demand remains constant for this service, United's annual revenues for this service will decrease from \$340.80 to \$36.

United also proposes to eliminate the current 12 month termination liability associated with this service. The termination liability "locked in" the customer for 12 months at \$28.40 a month regardless of whether service was disconnected during this time. Eliminating this termination liability will give the customer freedom to discontinue service without penalty and is appropriate given that the service is no longer hardware driven.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the tariff amendment to reduce the recurring and non-recurring rates for Single Party Access Feature by United Telephone Company of Florida is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that if this Order is protested the tariff shall remain in effect, with any increase in revenue held subject to refund, pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no protest of this Order is timely filed, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 19th day of July, 1993.

  
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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.

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 at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on August 9, 1993.

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.

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.