

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 930580-TL
tariff filing to offer Alarm) ORDER NO. PSC-93-1264-FOF-TL
Transport Service by GTE FLORIDA) ISSUED: August 31, 1993
INCORPORATED.)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

This docket was opened to address GTE Florida Incorporated's (GTEFL's) tariff filing to offer Alarm Transport Service (ATS). ATS is an alternative to private line service for alarm companies. The network infrastructure of Alarm Transport Service is based on Derived Channel multiplex (DCX) technology. ATS is offered to alarm and security companies or to other entities that perform their own private alarm monitoring. ATS provides for continuous transmission of signals which can identify a change in alarm monitoring sensors located on the client's premises.

ATS utilizes a scanner located in the client's serving central office which is connected through the client's basic exchange access line. The scanner continuously checks the Subscriber Terminal Unit (STU) at the client's premises for a change in status signal. The STU is connected to alarm or monitoring sensors located on such places as windows or doors. For example, if a burglar breaks into the client's premises, a change in status signal is immediately transmitted through the scanner to two centrally located message switches (one for backup). The message switch, upon receipt of an STU's message, consults its database to determine the customer's appropriate alarm agency, then routes the message to that agency for handling.

Demand and Revenue Impact

GTEFL proposes the following rates for its Alarm Transport Service:

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	Proposed Monthly Recurring Rate	Proposed Nonrecurring Rate
Residence Line	\$6.00	\$50.00
Business Line	\$9.00	\$70.00
Alarm Line	\$34.00	\$90.00
Agency Connection	\$100.00	\$500.00

These rates are comparable to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's and United Telephone Company of Florida's existing rates. The rates for the Residence Line and Business Line can be paid to GTEFL by the alarm company or by the client of the alarm company. This arrangement is determined between GTEFL and the alarm company when the alarm company chooses this service.

GTEFL agreed to waive nonrecurring charges for agency connection and Business and Residence line until June 1, 1994, and, that as additional central offices are brought on-line, to waive nonrecurring charges for the initial three months.

Upon review, we shall approve GTEFL's Alarm Transport Service. We shall also approve the waiver of nonrecurring charges associated with ATS. The effective date of tariff shall be September 1, 1993.

Therefore, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that GTE Florida Incorporated's tariff filing for Alarm Transport Service is hereby approved. The waiver of nonrecurring charges until June 1, 1994 is also approved. The effective date of the filing, if approved, shall be September 1, 1993. It is further

ORDERED that this tariff shall become effective on September 1, 1993. If there is a timely protest to the approval of the tariff, the tariff shall go into effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund. If no timely protest is filed this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 31st
day of August, 1993.



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 September 21, 1993.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

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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.