

### Section 1 - Division of Records and Reporting (RAR) Completes

Docket No. 930460-TL

Company: Quincy Telephone Company

Date Docketed: 05/05/93

Title: Request for approval of tariff filing to provide employee concessions for residential service and to delete outdated language from the tariff of QUINCY TELEPHONE COMPANY.

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# Public Service Commission

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DATE: June 22, 1993

TO: Steve Tribble, Director of Records and Reporting

FROM: Susan F. Clark, Commissioner

RE: Letter from Daniel V. Gregory representing Quincy Telephone Company

(Docket No. 930460-TL)

I received the attached letter from Mr. Daniel V. Gregory, representing Quincy Telephone Company, on June 21, 1993. Mr. Gregory's letter addresses matters discussed at the June 8, 1993, Agenda Conference, relevant to Docket No. 930460-TL. Mr. Gregory's letter was provided to all parties to the proceeding (of which Quincy Telephone Company is the only party), and was provided to Mr. Jack Shreve, Public Counsel; however, the letter was not filed with the Division of Records and Reporting for inclusion in the official docket file. Therefore, I believe it would be appropriate for you to place this memorandum and attachments on the record of the above-referenced proceeding. Because the letter was distributed to all parties of record, and is being placed on the official record by this transmittal, it is unnecessary to provide notice of this communication to all parties to the docket or to inform them that they have 10 days from receipt of the notice to file a response.

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Quincy Telephone Company

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June 18, 1993

Mr. J. Terry Deason, Commissioner FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION 101 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Commissioner Deason:

I heard, with more than a little concern, that during the last agenda conference you expressed a negative view of the service we provide in Quincy. While no one can claim to give perfect service all the time, we do feel our service is very far from "atrocious".

If you look at the picture over time, there have been major improvements, as shown in the attached chart of troubles per 100 access lines per month. We are proud of the improvements we have made and I am certain that every employee of Quincy Telephone Company understands the importance of providing excellent service to our customers.

In part, your observations may be based on the results of our last service quality audit. Although the total score did not achieve the theoretically perfect 75, we quickly fixed the limited number of problem areas so we could meet the numerical standard. Please review my correspondence with Alan Taylor on the topic, which is attached.

Also, your perception may be based on the unfortunate switch outages we have experienced. The last such incident was in July 1992. We have taken steps to insure that such incidents do not repeat themselves; most importantly, we are planning to install a new AT&T switch by the end of this year.

We are acutely aware that many of our customers are expecting us to provide new services. When customers see television advertisements for caller I. D. and other advanced services, they call us. If we don't have a service as quickly as Tallahassee residents, it may create the impression that we are not sensitive to their wants. Nothing could be further from the truth. As the telecommunications business changes rapidly, we know we have to satisfy our customers with advanced, quality communications.

On balance, I believe we are as customer focused as any telephone company. We have received frequent compliments from our customers on the quality of our service.

LTR: Deason - FPSC

June 18, 1993

If anyone has made an informal complaint or said anything negative to you about us, I would welcome the information. If there is something we are not doing or should be doing, we need to hear it. My door is always open to hear your concerns. I don't know that I can change your thinking in one letter, but many times things are not as they seem at first. We are always working hard to improve our business, and I believe the record shows that.

Again, if you have any information or suggestions as a result of any comments you may have had, we would welcome your input so that we can work to improve whatever may need improving.

Sincerely,

Daniel V. Gregory

Vice President & General Manager

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Attachment

CC: All PSC Commissioners

Mr. Walter D'Haeseleer - FPSC

Mr. Bill Talbott - FPSC Mr. Rob Vandiver - FPSC

Mr. Jack Shreve - Public Counsel



Quincy Telephone Company

December 17, 1992

Mr. J. Alan Taylor, Chief Bureau of Service Evaluation FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION 101 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Dear Mr. Taylor:

We have received your letter confirming that you are satisfied with the corrective action taken to improve billing accuracy. However, you expressed concerns regarding Quincy's performance overall. I would like to respond to those concerns.

As discussed, it was mainly the trunk disconnect timing parameters and their effect on billing that resulted in the low score we received in the proposed weighting system index. Two other heavily weighted factors were business office answer time and adequacy of intercept services. I will address each factor.

- O Until the review by the Florida Public Service Commission, we believed that by following the LSSGR we were in compliance with industry standards for disconnect parameters. We did not anticipate the results shown in the evaluation. However, once we understood the situation properly we made the changes to our system the same day Mr. Frank Williamson and Mr. Elton Howell visited to conduct further testing.
- In the case of business office answer time, we also made an immediate change. We had been using an automatic answering device on our main business office number, which in hindsight did not add to the quality of service we provided. The device was disconnected and we are now in compliance with FPSC rules on answer time. Our goals are the same satisfied customers and we have no desire or intent to work towards anything else.

LTR - Taylor December 17, 1992 Page - 2

> In the case of intercept services, we had been aware of an intermittent problem two weeks prior to the start of the service evaluation. We had been trouble shooting the Science Dynamics unit prior to the visit, however as of that time we had not yet isolated the problem. Once a particular card was changed the problem was corrected, as our subsequent traffic study reflects.

Were it not for these three items, our score would have been 75.0558 (-55.23 + 86.5377 + 23.9750 + 15.5335 + 4.2396). In each case corrections were made quickly, along with corrections for less heavily weighted items. While I do not deny that these criteria were not met at the precise time of the service audit, it is clear that making the corrections changes the picture substantially. I hope you agree.

We are proud of the service we provide, however we accept accurate criticisms made in good faith as the starting point for improvements. We are measured by the Florida Public Service Commission, our corporate management and our customers through our customer surveys. We diligently seek to meet the high standards of each of these important groups.

Please contact me if you have additional concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Daniel V. Gregory

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Vice President & General Manager

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CC: Don McDonald Richard Tudor

Public Counsel

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DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS WALTER D'HAESELEER DIRECTOR (904) 488-1280

# Public Service Commission

12-14-92 XC: FP

December 4, 1992

Mr. Daniel V. Gregory Vice President & General Manager Quincy Telephone Company P. O. Box 189 Quincy, Florida 32353-0189

Dear Mr. Gregory:

Based on your latest response to our service evaluation, we are satisfied with the corrective action taken to improve billing accuracy. However, we remain concerned with Quincy's performance overall.

Enclosed is a copy of our proposed weighting system index reflecting Quincy's performance as minus 55.23 points. The index standard is seventy five (75) points if all Commission standards are met exactly. Quincy is the first company to score below zero when the weighting factors were applied to its service evaluation results. This was due in large part to the eighty six (86) points Quincy lost on billing accuracy performance that has since been corrected. While this standard has not yet been formally adopted by the Commission, the analysis is provided for your review and confirms the need for Quincy to follow through with immediate corrective action in other areas as outlined and agreed upon previously.

Please feel free to contact Don McDonald or me if you have any questic as.

Sincerely,

J. Alan Taylor, Chief

Bureau of Service Evaluation

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e: Don McDonald Richard Tudor Public Counsel

