

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 940773-TL
tariff filing to extend the) ORDER NO. PSC-94-1107-FOF-TL
waiver of switched access trunk) ISSUED: September 8, 1994
non-recurring charges to IXCs in)
connection with the transport)
rate structure by GTE FLORIDA)
INCORPORATED.)
(T-94-348 filed July 5, 1994))

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

In Docket No. 930615-TL, we granted GTE Florida Incorporated's (GTEFL) request to waive through April 30, 1994 certain non-recurring charges (NRC) in its Switched Access tariff to allow interexchange companies (IXC) to reconfigure their switched transport facilities. See Order No. PSC-93-1257-FOF-TL, issued August 30, 1993. GTEFL's filing was prompted by the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) order in CC Docket No. 91-213, Transport Rate Structure and Pricing, which required that a similar waiver be implemented in the interstate arena. The purpose of the waiver was to allow IXCs time to adapt to the new Local Transport rate structure approved by the FCC effective December 1993. Other local exchange companies (LEC) were similarly authorized to provide NRC waivers.

LECs are currently operating under an interim rate structure for interstate access. Specifically, the Local Transport switched access rate element is no longer a single, per minute rate. Instead, it is composed of various distance sensitive rates for entrance facilities, direct-trunked transport, and tandem-switched transport. This rate structure results in different charges to IXC customers depending on how they configure their trunking arrangements.

The same rate structure has been proposed in Florida and was addressed in the hearing for local transport restructure on August 22-24, 1994 in Docket No. 921074-TP. For this reason, both the FCC

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and the FPSC have authorized LECs to allow IXCs a period of time to configure their trunking arrangements more efficiently without incurring all the costs that would normally be assessed. This has been accomplished by waiving the non-recurring charges associated with converting trunks from tandem-switched to direct-trunked or vice versa, as well as charges associated with discontinuing overprovisioned trunks.

GTEFL has filed to renew and extend the NRC waiver through December 31, 1994 to allow additional time for IXCs to plan and order their switched transport services efficiently. Extension of the waiver will encourage a more economic and efficient utilization of the LEC network. The revenue impact on the LEC is minimal since IXCs typically have modified only a small portion of their trunking arrangements. Accordingly, we approve GTEFL's tariff filing.

Based on the foregoing, it is

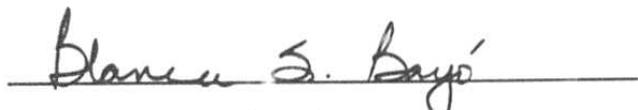
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that GTE Florida Incorporated's tariff filing to extend the waiver period for nonrecurring charges in its Switched Access tariff to permit interexchange companies to reconfigure their switched access transport facilities is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the tariff shall become effective on August 22, 1994. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirement set forth below, the tariff shall remain in effect pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no protest is filed in accordance with the requirement set forth below, and if no timely protest is filed in Order No. PSC-94-1108-FOF-TL, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 8th day of September, 1994.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on September 29, 1994.

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.