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Telecommunications

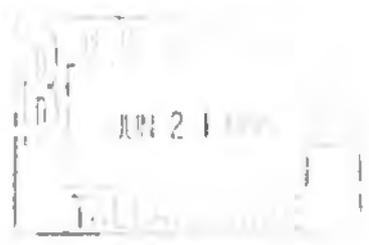
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**ST. JOSEPH TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY**

P.O. Box 220 • 502 Fifth Street • Port St. Joe, Florida 32456  
•Established 1924•

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June 21, 1995



Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Bayo:

St. Joseph Telecommunications (Company) proposes to provide access line telephone service to residents of Dog Island on September 1, 1995.

Method of Provision of Service

The Company intends to provide service through the use of cellular technology. The cellular instrument the Company will use to provide service will be a standard unit equipped with an AC converter. Roaming restrictions will be programmed into the unit. The unit could be purchased through the telephone company at cost or elsewhere at market; if purchased elsewhere, the Company would have to program the roaming restrictions.

Should any customer require data/fax capabilities, there are such units available to convert the standard connection to meet this requirement. Equipment could be purchased at cost through St. Joseph or could be purchased elsewhere at market.

A Yagi antenna and wiring will be installed at individual customer's locations in as safe a method as possible, preferably inside in the attic. For each antenna installed outside, the antenna will be weather-resistant with extra height for proper transmission from the cellular tower site located in Carrabelle.

Calling Scope and Rates

Customers will be given a Carrabelle (697) telephone number along with the Carrabelle calling scope as follows:

Alligator Point	\$.25 extended calling plan
Apalachicola	\$.25 extended calling plan
Eastpoint	\$.25 extended calling plan
St. George Island	\$.25 extended calling plan
Tallahassee	Toll free EAS
Sopchoppy	Toll free EAS
Crawfordville	Toll free EAS

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Customers will be billed appropriate toll charges by St. Joseph in the same manner as other local exchange customers are billed.

The residential monthly access line rate for Carrabelle is \$9.15; business is \$24.00. The Company proposes to initially purchase usage on an "as used" basis from Sprint Cellular at the rate of approximately 15 cents per minute of use, not separable by end user. Consequently, the Company proposes to add a surcharge to each customer in the amount of \$15.00 per month as an offset to the air time cost to St. Joseph and to prevent possible subsidization of Dog Island customers by the rest of the Company's customers. The surcharge amount is based on an estimate of 100 minutes usage per access line per month. Once historical data has been generated, the Company would like to adjust the rate to equate to the usage. Consequently, St. Joseph requests that the Commission allow St. Joseph the opportunity, after six months, to seek an adjustment of the surcharge, either up or down, based on actual usage. The Company seeks approval of the surcharge of \$15.00 as an experimental, transitional rate, pursuant to the provisions of Section 364.057, Florida Statutes.

The Company would further propose to add a surcharge in the amount of \$43.00 to the service connection charge to cover the \$18.00 cost of the ferry trip to the island plus an additional hour of travel time for the installer at the loaded labor rate of \$25.00 an hour. Since there will be no facility installations (drops, cables, poles, etc.), and no protector will be required, the service connection savings should offset the cost for the provision of the antenna and wire.

#### Potential Rule Compliance Problems

It should be recognized that sometimes bad weather, rough seas, sporadic ferry schedules and the presence of most island property owners only on weekends and holidays, will prevent St. Joseph from meeting the time requirements for installations and repair. Failures and the reason for such failures will be noted on the proper quarterly reports.

#### Basis for Choice of Service Method

It is the Company's belief that the approach to serving Dog Island outlined above is the most acceptable method, because of excessive cost for the alternatives (submarine cable, radio or microwave) and the fact that environmental concerns are answered by the use of cellular technology which has no poles and underground cables.

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An important benefit to utilization of cellular technology is that the probability of losing service on the whole island is remote. The island would have to have complete loss of AC power on the island for an extended period of time and/or loss of land based telecommunications plant supporting the island. (Since the emergency facility on the island has backup generators, service for that facility could be maintained for short periods of time in spite of total AC power failure.)

Effective Date for Provision of Service

Barring any unforeseen complications, service to Dog Island should become available by September 1, 1995, which is the date St. Joseph requests that the attached tariff sheets be approved and made effective.

Sincerely,



John H. Vaughan  
Vice President

JHV:jpc

cc: Mr. Walter D'Haeseleer  
Mr. Alan Taylor

GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

ST. JOSEPH TELEPHONE  
& TELEGRAPH COMPANY  
FLORIDA  
ISSUED BY: JOHN H. VAUGHAN  
VICE PRESIDENT

SECTION 3  
TWELFTH REVISED SHEET 5  
CANCELS ELEVENTH REVISED SHEET 5

EFFECTIVE: SEPTEMBER 1, 1995

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

G. MONTHLY EXCHANGE RATES

1. Monthly exchange rates are applicable in each exchange for classes of basic local service offered.
2. Residence and Business Basic Exchange

	<u>Business 1-Pty</u>	<u>Residence 1-Pty</u>	
Alligator Point	24.00	9.15	
Altha	18.25	7.30	
Apalachicola	17.25	6.30	
Blountstown	17.25	6.30	
Bristol	24.00	9.15	
Carrabelle (Includes Dog Island)	24.00	9.15	T T
Chattahoochee	20.45	7.80	
Eastpoint	17.25	6.30	
Hosford	24.00	9.15	
Port St. Joe	17.25	6.30	
The Beaches	17.25	6.30	
Tyndall	18.55	6.85	
Wewahitchka	17.25	6.30	
Dog Island Surcharge	15.00	15.00	N   N
In addition to Basic Exchange rate (Experimental offering 9-1-95 to 9-1-96)			

H. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROTARY SERVICE

General

All lines in a group of two way flat rate or business auxiliary (inward) main station lines arranged for rotary, hunting or similar service which allows completion of an incoming call to any of the lines in the group from a line that is called but is in use, to another line, by means of central office equipment, will have a rate on each of the lines in the group.

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SECTION 6  
SIXTH REVISED SHEET 2  
CANCELS FIFTH REVISED SHEET 2  
EFFECTIVE: SEPTEMBER 1, 1995

SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES

6.1 DEFINITIONS (Cont'd)

- 6.1.4 Restoration Charge - A charge applying to restoration of service following a temporary suspension of such service, either at the request of the subscriber or for non-payment of service. When service has been disconnected for non-payment, the contract is considered to have been terminated. Re-establishment of service may be made only upon the execution of a new contract. The reconnect charge will apply in lieu of regular connection charges and new or additional deposits may be required.

6.2 SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

6.2.1	Service Ordering Charge, each order	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>	
a.	Primary Service Order - Associated with the connection of new or additional access lines.	\$11.00	\$27.00	
b.	Secondary Service Order - Associated with the inside move or change of existing service. (One charge per simultaneously placed order.)	5.00	19.00	
6.2.2	Access Line Connection Charge, each access line, off premise station line, or tie line.	15.00	15.00	
6.2.3	Premises Visit Charge, one charge applies per customer request.	4.25	4.25	
6.2.4	*Dog Island only - Premise visit charge	\$43.00	\$43.00	N N

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~~ELEVENTH~~ REVISED SHEET 5  
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**SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES**

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B. R. GIBSON, JR.  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT  
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