

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 951113-TL
tariff filing to move portion of) ORDER NO. PSC-95-1350-FOF-TL
Forest exchange into Umatilla) ISSUED: November 1, 1995
exchange by United Telephone)
Company of Florida. (T-95-490)
filed 8/8/95)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
JOE GARCIA
JULIA L. JOHNSON
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 8, 1995, United Telephone Company of Florida (United) filed a tariff to reassign a portion of the Forest exchange, which is located in Marion County, to the Umatilla exchange, which is located in Lake County. The area has been served from the Umatilla exchange since 1974.

The area in question is located in the Ocala National Forest, and consists of permanent manufactured housing and seasonal recreational vehicle sites. The only entrance is via State Route 19. The feeder cable from the Umatilla exchange runs along this route. In order to serve this area from the Forest exchange, United would need to install 42,400 feet of cable through the Ocala National Forest, at a cost of approximately \$150,000. It would also require governmental approval, and involve a yearly encroachment fee for right-of-way through the forest. United, therefore, argues that continuing to serve these customers from the Umatilla exchange is the most cost effective method providing service.

Although calls to county government facilities and schools are not local, United has not received any complaints regarding local service. United states that 911 calls are currently routed

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directly to Marion County and will not be affected. The following is a comparison of the rates and calling scope of each exchange:

EXCHANGE COMPARISON				
EXCHANGES	R-1	B-1	PBX	CALLING SCOPE
Forest	\$8.73	\$20.27	\$40.98	Bellview, Citra, Dunnellon, Lady Lake (821), McIntosh, Ocala, Ocklawaha, Orange Sprg, Salt Sprgs, Silver Sprg Shores NOTE: Ocala is the county seat for Marion County
Umatilla	\$8.73	\$20.47	\$40.98	Astor, Clermont, Eustis, Groveland, Howey-In-Hills, Lady Lake, Leesburg, Montverde, Mt. Dora, Tavares NOTE: Tavares is the county seat of Lake County

Since this tariff is designed to realign the Umatilla and Forest exchanges to reflect the actual provision of service, there have been no complaints, and 911 service will not be affected, we find it appropriate to approve the proposed tariff, effective October 16, 1995.

It is, therefore,

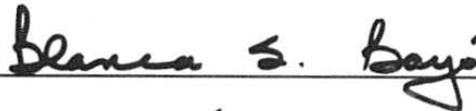
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that United Telephone Company of Florida's proposed tariff to reassign a portion of the Forest exchange to the Umatilla exchange is approved, effective October 16, 1995. It is further

ORDERED that, if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, the tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 1st
day of November, 1995.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, 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, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on November 22, 1995.

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.