

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Tariff proposal to introduce	)	DOCKET NO. 910861-TL
Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP)	)	
service by UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF	)	ORDER NO. 25116
FLORIDA	)	
	)	ISSUED: 9/24/91

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman  
 SUSAN F. CLARK  
 J. TERRY DEASON  
 BETTY EASLEY  
 MICHAEL McK. WILSON

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 15, 1991, United Telephone Company (United or the Company) filed tariff revisions to introduce Telephone Service Priority (TSP) service. TSP is designed to meet emergency preparedness needs under the National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) telecommunication service. The TSP system for NSEP ensures that priority restoration is given to vital telecommunications services. TSP circuit assignments are given to telecommunication service vendors (i.e., LECs and IXCs) based on priority levels established by the TSP system. The service vendors then use TSP assignments to determine the sequence in which they respond to restoration and provisioning requirements.

The TSP designation can only be granted by the TSP program office and the vendor has no control over the designation. The tariff for TSP service is limited to qualifying state and local government, the federal government, foreign governments and certain private telecommunications services which receive the official TSP designation.

With the implementation of TSP, we initially were concerned that non-TSP services would not receive the appropriate restoration priority. However, Rule 25-4.070 (4), Florida Administrative Code, which states that "[p]riority shall be given to service interruptions which affect public health and safety that are reported to and verified by the company and such service interruptions shall be corrected as promptly as possible on an emergency basis" alleviates this apprehension. Services which are unable to obtain a TSP designation but meet the requirements of

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Rule 25-4.070 (4), shall be expected to receive priority treatment under the Rule. Additionally, TSP circuits are so few that there should be no noticeable difference in treatment for services unable to obtain a TSP designation.

The United tariff proposal is similar to the TSP tariffs recently approved for Southern Bell and GTE in rate structure, contribution level and cost recovery. We recognize that United, GTE and Southern Bell have different costs but find that the rates should be similar in the way that costs are recovered. We find that United's tariff proposal is consistent with that of Southern Bell and GTE. Additionally, we find that United's proposed rates are appropriate.

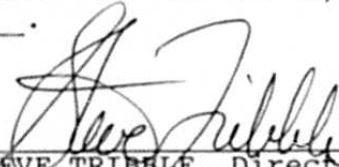
Upon consideration, we approve United's tariff proposal to introduce TSP. As nothing remains to be done in this docket, absent the filing of a timely protest, the docket shall be closed at the end of the protest period.

Therefore, based upon the foregoing it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that United Telephone Company's request to introduce Telecommunications Service Priority service is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that this tariff shall become effective on September 13, 1991. If a timely protest is filed, the tariff shall remain in effect with any increase held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 24th  
day of SEPTEMBER, 1991.

  
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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 10/15/91.

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 sewer 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.