

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff to pro-) DOCKET NO. 920360-TI
vide evening and night/weekend) ORDER NO. PSC-92-0443-FOF-TI
discounts, add the partner option) ISSUED: 06/03/92
and discontinue alternative usage)
rates for All PRO WATS in Florida)
by AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE)
SOUTHERN STATES, INC.)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman
SUSAN F. CLARK
TERRY DEASON
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 17, 1992, AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (ATT-C or the Company) filed a proposed tariff to revise its All PRO WATS service. ATT-C proposes to provide evening and night/weekend discounts, add the partner option and discontinue alternative usage rates.

An add-on to ATT-C's interstate tariff, All PRO WATS in Florida is a one way multi-point service where calls originate from a single line and terminate at virtually any location. While it is labeled "WATS", it is not configured like a true WATS arrangement. All PRO WATS uses the switched network and does not require a dedicated facility as does traditional WATS. In addition, WATS is flat rated while All PRO WATS, like other optional calling plans, is a discounted toll service.

I. Discounts

The overall effect of the proposed discounts will be an approximate 3% decrease in rates. ATT-C states this additional discount is aimed at the small business user and is in response to competitive pressures. ATT-C indicates that rates remain well above cost. ATT-C estimates a negative revenue impact of \$67,000.

We conclude that customers will benefit from the additional discount, while ATT-C's remaining customers will not be affected.

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We approve the increase in evening and night/weekend discounts to the All PRO WATS service.

II. Partner Option

The partner option is an arrangement whereby an All PRO WATS customer can receive an additional discount over the current discount provided. The customer is allowed to select up to a maximum of 20 intrastate or interstate telephone numbers and one country to receive discounts. Calls to the selected intrastate or interstate telephone numbers receive a 20% discount and calls to the selected country receive a 10% discount. To receive these discounts, the customer agrees to pay a \$5.00 recurring charge. However, if the customer's total bill exceeds \$30.00 for the billing period, the \$5.00 recurring charge is waived.

ATT-C states that the partner option is in response to competition. Despite the large discount, ATT-C indicates that rates remain above cost. The service is expected to attract 392 new customers, providing a positive annual revenue impact of \$125,000.

We conclude that current and potential customers of All PRO WATS in Florida will benefit from the large discounts, while ATT-C's other customers will not be affected. We approve the partner option.

III. Alternative Usage Rates

When ATT-C first offered optional calling plans (OCPs) such as All PRO WATS, ATT-C contracted with the LECs for billing and collection. In order to keep the costs low, rather than have the LECs implement a unique pricing plan for the OCPs, the LECs were to rate each call at the then current dial station rates and apply a discount. This device is referred to as the alternative rate structure.

On March 1, 1991, ATT-C was granted the installation of restructured rates by the Commission. Instead of a discount of MTS rates, the restructured rates were specific to OCPs including All PRO WATS in Florida.

The intent of the alternative rate structure was to provide those LECs not able to bill customers at the restructured rates a method to bill for OCPs. ATT-C has contacted all the LECs in Florida and has found all have the capability to use the restructured rates for All PRO WATS and all are doing so. Hence, there is no need to continue having both rate structures.

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Since all the LECs have abandoned the alternative rate structure, there is no need to continue its use. Accordingly, we approve ATT-C's proposal to eliminate alternative usage rates for All PRO WATS in Florida.


Therefore, based upon the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.'s tariff to provide evening and night/weekend discounts, add the partner option and discontinue alternative usage rates for All PRO WATS in Florida is approved as filed with an effective date of May 19, 1992. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed pursuant to the requirements set forth below, all increased revenues resulting from this filing shall be held subject to refund. It is further

ORDERED that if no protest is received within the time frame set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 3rd day of June, 1992.



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 June 24, 1992.

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.