

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| In re: PROPOSED TARIFF FILING BY UNITED) | DOCKET NO. 891030-TL |
| TELEPHONE COMPANY OF FLORIDA TO MOVE A) | ORDER NO. 22290 |
| PART OF LEHIGH ACRES AND LABELLE) | |
| EXCHANGES INTO THE IMMOKALEE EXCHANGE.) | |
| (T-89-404 FILED 8/1/89)) | |
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHAEL McK. WILSON, Chairman
 THOMAS M. BEARD
 BETTY EASLEY
 JOHN T. HERNDON

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 1, 1989, United Telephone Company filed a tariff proposing to move 2.75 square miles of the Lehigh Acres exchange and 3 square miles of the LaBelle exchange into the Immokalee exchange. This boundary change would coincide with the way service is presently being provided. Therefore, no capital expenditure needs to be incurred. There are presently three customers in the LaBelle exchange area who are currently receiving service from the Immokalee exchange. There are no customers in Lehigh Acres area that would be effected by the proposed change. The LaBelle customers will experience no change to either their exchange rates or calling scope since they are already receiving their service out of the Immokalee exchange. In fact, this move would correct the cross-exchange service these customers receive by officially placing them in the exchange that has been providing them service.

Due to the cost to construct facilities from the Lehigh Acres and the LaBelle exchanges the company served the customers from the Immokalee exchange which already had facilities in place. Service has been provided from the Immokalee exchange since 1971.

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To construct facilities from the Lehigh Acres exchange to the section of their area described in the tariff would require 34,300 feet of 50 pair cable at a cost of \$274,600 and the LaBelle exchange would require 42,000 feet of 50 pair cable at a cost of \$170,000. Therefore, the total facilities cost avoided would be \$444,600.

If the customers were served out of Lehigh Acres their monthly residential one-party rate would be \$7.67 with EAS to Ft. Myers and toll free calling to 101,956 access lines. If the customers were served out of the LaBelle exchange, their monthly residential one-party rate would be \$4.92 with no EAS and toll free calling to 5,229 access lines. The customers are currently being served out of the Immokalee exchange at a monthly residential one-party rate of \$4.62 with no EAS and toll free calling to 4,118 access lines.

Because of these differing EAS areas, Commission staff requested United to provide the number of toll calls the three LaBelle customers who are served out of the Immokalee exchange had made to Ft. Myers, Lehigh Acres and LaBelle over the last three months since these would be local calls from the LaBelle exchange. There did not appear to be any area that received a high volume of calls. Therefore, there is no evidence that providing service out of LaBelle would reduce long distance charges to these customers. Since calls to Immokalee are local, they are not measured, as a result, we were unable to determine any particular area as a community of interest.

Based on the cost support provided by United, it appears to be most cost efficient to move a part of the Lehigh Acres and LaBelle exchanges into the Immokalee exchange. Further, since the three existing customers in the LaBelle exchange are currently being served out of the Immokalee exchange, the boundary change would have no effect on the existing customers rates or phone numbers. The boundary change would just correct a cross-exchange service problem. It appears that the customers would pay less for local service in addition, there is no evidence that their normal long distance charges would be reduced by connection to the exchange to which they officially belong and there is no clear community of interest. Therefore, we believe that United should be allowed to move the described parts of the Lehigh Acres and LaBelle exchanges into the Immokalee exchange.

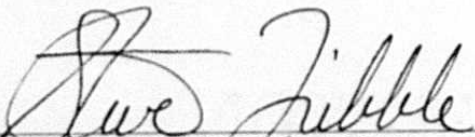
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Based on the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that United Telephone Company's tariff proposal to move the parts of Lehigh Acres and Labelle exchanges described in the tariff into the Immokalee exchange is approved effective December 1, 1989. It is further,

ORDERED that this docket is closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission,
this 11th day of DECEMBER, 1989.


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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric,

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gas or telephone utility or 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 after the issuance of this order, 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.