BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Tariff proposal to introduce) D
Telephone Service Priority (TSP) service) O
by GTE Florida Incorporated) I

DOCKET NO. 910324-TL ORDER NO. 24446 ISSUED: 4/29/91

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
BETTY EASLEY
GERALD L. GUNTER
MICHAEL McK. WILSON

ORDER DENYING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 15, 1991, General Telephone Company of Florida (GTE Company) filed tariff revisions Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP). TSP is designed to meet emergency preparedness needs under the National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) telecommunication service. The TSP system that priority restoration is given telecommunications services. A TSP designation can be granted only by the TSP program office. The Company will use the system's priorities to determine the sequence in which it responds to restoration and provisioning demands. The proposed tariff applies to only circuits which receive the TSP designation.

Initially we were concerned whether, with implementation of TSP, other vital services would receive the appropriate priority. However, Rule 25-4.070 (4), Florida Administrative Code, provides 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." Thus, services which are not given a TSP designation, but meet the requirements of Rule 25-4.070 (4), will continue to receive priority treatment under the Rule. While the work may follow TSP circuits, it is anticipated that such circuits will be so few that there should be no noticeable difference in service.

GTE has proposed rates for TSP service based on cost. However, the Company intends to recover only a portion of its nonrecurring cost with the nonrecurring charge and then to recover the major portion of its nonrecurring cost though its recurring monthly rate. We find that the nonrecurring charge should recover

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its associated cost and the recurring rate should recover its cost with some contribution. This approach is consistent with the rate structure that we recently approved in Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's TSP tariff.

Because of our concerns about the rate structure, we cannot approve this tariff filing. Our staff and the Company have been instructed to attempt to resolve the rate structure differences with any changes to be brought before this Commission for a vote. The effective date of the tariff and subsequent closing of this Docket will be subject to our decision on the revised tariff filing.

Therefore, based on the forgoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the tariff proposal by General Telephone Company of Florida to introduce Telecommunications Service Priority is not approved. It is further

ORDERED that this Docket shall remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 29th day of APRIL 1991.

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, 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.

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