

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Proposed tariff filing) DOCKET NO. 930381-TL
to correct an inequity in) ORDER NO. PSC-93-0803-FOF-TL
extension line mileage rates by) ISSUED: May 25, 1993
UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF)
FLORIDA)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

- J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman
- THOMAS M. BEARD
- SUSAN F. CLARK
- JULIA L. JOHNSON
- LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 30, 1993, United Telephone Company of Florida (United or the Company) filed tariff revisions proposing to standardize the application of extension line mileage rates, and to update the definitions of certain terms. Extension service provides the capability of originating or receiving calls from locations in addition to the location of the main service. An example of extension service is where two or more premises of the same subscriber are used in the conduct of one establishment or business. The service is typically referred to as off-premises extension.

By Order No. PSC-92-0401-FOF-TL, issued May 26, 1992, in Docket No. 911085-TL, the Commission approved the restructure and repricing of private line services for United, effective September 1, 1992. Due to the magnitude of some of the rate increases, the Commission determined that changes would be implemented in two phases. Phase I became effective on September 1, 1992, and Phase II is scheduled to go into effect on September 1, 1993. The Commission also determined that the facilities associated with local private line service and an off-premises extension were fundamentally the same, thus the local private line rate should also be applied to extension line mileage.

The 1992 tariff revisions applied the local private line rate to extension service except for one category that was inadvertently excluded. This option allows a subscriber to have the same telephone number for his business and residence at different locations by paying both the B1 and R1 rates. United proposes this

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filing to correct the tariff inequity by standardizing the application of the extension line mileage rates. In addition, United is updating the definitions of some terms in Section A1, Explanation of Terms, General Exchange Tariff.

The Company indicates there have been no recent requests for extension line service, and there are only 98 existing customers. Subscribers currently pay both the B1 (\$24.03 in the highest rate group) and R1 (\$10.23) rates for a maximum monthly rate of \$34.26. Directory listings are provided for both locations as part of the B1 and R1 monthly rates.

The Company's proposal includes an option that offers a business line with an off-premises extension that requires the application of the extension line mileage rate approved in Docket No. 911085-TL. A second option will continue the practice of charging the B1 and R1 rates; however, the service will be separated into two independent access lines with no extension capability. Service connection charges will not apply and customers will not incur any interruption of service in either option. The provisions of the two options are as follows:

OPTION 1:

The customer may retain the existing interconnection of business and residential service by paying the B1 access line rate and the current Phase I extension line mileage rate of \$14.30. If in the highest rate group, the new Option 1 rate would be \$38.33, or an increase of \$4.07 over the current combined B1/R1 rate of \$34.26.

Under this arrangement, the customer becomes a business line subscriber with an off-premises extension to the residence. The Company's business line rates are tariffed in 6 groups; therefore, the minimum rate of \$15.20 (group 1) will apply, plus the extension mileage rate of \$14.30 which will increase to \$19.05 under Phase II. The new rate would range from \$29.50 (15.20 + 14.30) to \$38.33 (24.03 + 14.30), increasing to a range of \$34.25 - 43.08 on September 1st. The Option 1 rates compare with the existing service arrangement rates of \$21.67 to \$34.26 in the highest rate group. Option 1 also requires the billing for an Additional Directory listing at \$1.25 for the residence location address.

OPTION 2:

This option allows the customer to continue paying the B1 and R1 rates, but the business and residential services become separate lines with no off-premises extension capability. No additional charges apply. The separate lines have no connecting ringing capability and are no different from the dual service to other customers who have separate residential and business lines.

The Company's filing includes a letter to notify customers of their choice of Option 1 or 2. Upon approval of the tariff, United will provide 30 days' written notice of the change in rate application to each affected customer. Those customers will be required to notify the Company of their choice of options by July 1, 1993. Customers not making a choice by this date will have their service continued at the rates described in Option 1.

We believe that the Company's filing is consistent with the restructure approved in Docket No. 911085-TL. It appears that any revenue effect should be minimal due to the small number of customers subscribing to the service. Accordingly, we hereby approve the tariff as filed.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that United Telephone Company of Florida's tariff proposing to standardize the application of extension line mileage rates, and update the definitions of the terms described herein, is hereby approved, effective July 1, 1993. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirement 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 requirement set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 25th
day of May, 1993.



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 15, 1993.

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.