

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 940685-TL
tariff filing to introduce Coin) ORDER NO. PSC-94-0941-FOF-TL
Line service to private pay) ISSUED: August 1, 1994
telephone providers by ALLTEL)
FLORIDA, INC. (T-94-290 filed)
6/1/94))
_____)

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 1, 1994, ALLTEL Florida, Inc. (ALLTEL or Company) filed tariff revisions proposing to introduce Coin Line Service and Answer Supervision to non-LEC private pay telephone service providers (NPATS).

Coin Line Service and Answer Supervision are two of the "unbundled functionalities" required by Order No. PSC-93-0289-FOF-TL in Docket No. 920255-TL, a Commission investigation into the competitiveness of pay telephone service in Florida. The Commission ordered the local exchange companies (LECs) to file a list of pay telephone functions that could be unbundled and sold separately, and then to offer the functions as soon as feasible.

A coin line is an access line which provides pay telephone instruments with features and functions, such as call screening and blocking, call rating and recording and coin return, from the LEC's central office. Historically, NPATS have had to rely on "smart" phones, which have such features programmed directly into the payphone, while LECs have been able to provide pay telephone service through coin lines using less expensive "dumb" telephones.

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ALLTEL plans to charge \$50.00 per month for Coin Line Service. No usage charges will initially be applied to the service, as ALLTEL has not yet developed the ability to bill usage charges to coin lines. This rate is equal to the rate for flat rate pay telephone trunks used by NPATS smart telephones in ALLTEL's territory.

Answer Supervision is a feature that will provide an electrical signal when the called party goes off-hook (answers) for calls that originate from NPATS telephones. This feature will help NPATS telephones accurately determine when billing for a specific call should commence. Where NPATS providers do not have sophisticated telephone instruments that can pinpoint the beginning of a billable call, they presently use less reliable software supervision or simply delay billing for a predetermined number of seconds in an attempt to guess when a call begins.

ALLTEL did not perform a cost study for its Coin Line Service or Answer Supervision. It anticipates fewer than 5 customers, if any, will subscribe to these services, so conducting a study for so few customers would be more expensive than any revenues the company would hope to gain or lose from them. This is not an unusual practice for small LECs, and since the proposed rates are as high or higher than the ones currently offered by companies that have filed cost studies, and are consistent with other PATS flat rate access line charges and answer supervision tariffs, we believe that the proposed rates will cover any costs of providing the service.

The rates and tariff status for the LECs that have filed Coin Line tariffs are as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Usage Rate</u>	<u>Usage Charge</u>	<u>Flat Rate</u>	<u>Status</u>
So. Bell	\$35.00	\$0.0275/\$0.0125 ¹	\$45.00	approved
GTEFL	---	---	\$45.75 ²	approved
United	\$35.00	\$0.03/\$0.015 ³	---	approved
Centel	\$35.00	\$0.03/\$0.015 ³	---	approved
Gulf	---	---	\$50.00	approved
Floralta	---	---	\$50.00	approved
St. Joe	---	---	\$50.00	approved
ALLTEL	---	---	\$50.00	pending

¹ - 1st/add'l minutes on-peak (9am-9pm); \$0.0175/\$0.0075 off-peak
² - in highest rate group representing most of expected subscribers
³ - 1st/add'l minutes; no off-peak discounts

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ALLTEL's proposed rate for answer supervision is \$5.00 per month per access line. The rates for Answer Supervision services statewide are as follows:

Company	Rate	Status
So. Bell	\$2.33	approved
GTEFL	\$5.00	approved
United	\$4.00	pending
Centel	\$4.00	pending
ALLTEL	\$5.00	pending

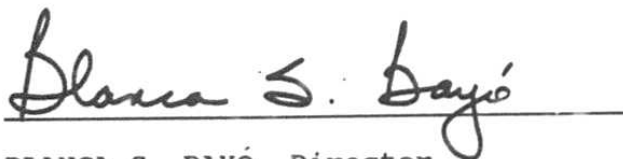
Upon consideration, we believe this tariff is appropriate. It comports with Order No. PSC-93-0289-FOF-TL and will provide some contribution towards the Company's other costs.

It is therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the proposed tariff filed by ALLTEL Florida, Inc. (ALLTEL or Company) to introduce Coin Line Service and Answer Supervision is approved, with an effective date of July 31, 1994. It is further

ORDERED that, if a protest is filed on or before the date set forth in the Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review, this tariff shall remain in effect, with any increase held subject to refund pending the resolution of the protest.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 1st day of August, 1994.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, 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, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on August 22, 1994.

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 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.