BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition to implement triennial depreciation) DOCKET NO. 950344-TL) ORDER NO. PSC-96-0321-FOF-TL represcription by GTE Florida) ISSUED: March 4, 1996)

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
JOE GARCIA
JULIA L. JOHNSON
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 29, 1995, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) filed its triennial depreciation study, pursuant to Rule 25-4.0175, Florida Administrative Code. GTEFL proposed that its new depreciation rates be implemented January 1, 1996.

Under Section 364.051(1)(a), Florida Statutes, which became effective on July 1, 1995, local exchange companies with 100,000 or more access lines in service as of July 1, 1995, may elect "to be under price regulation effective January 1, 1996, or when an alternative local exchange company is certificated to provide local exchange services in its service territory, whichever is later." GTEFL, a local exchange company with 100,000 or more access lines in service as of July 1, 1995, filed its election to be under price regulation effective January 3, 1996.

Under Section 364.051(1)(c), Florida Statutes, also effective July 1, 1995, local exchange companies who elect price regulation are exempt from most forms of earnings oversight; therefore, the determination of new depreciation rates is moot. Accordingly, this docket is closed.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Docket No. 950344-TL is closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 4th day of March, 1996.

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.

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, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, 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 and/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 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.