

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for approval of) DOCKET NO. 941284-TL
tariff filing to change method) ORDER NO. PSC-95-0236-FOF-TL
of payment of Set Use Fee to pay) ISSUED: February 21, 1995
telephone (PATS) providers by)
GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED.)
(T-94-631 filed 11/18/94))
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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 APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Order No. 24101, issued February 14, 1991, we instituted new end-user rate caps for both local exchange company pay telephones (LEC PATS or LPATS) and nonlocal exchange pay telephones (NPATS) and reduced the rates paid by NPATS for interconnection to LEC facilities. The Set Use Fee was also established by Order No. 24101. The Set Use Fee is a fixed rate of \$.25 which is applied to all 0+ and 0- local and intraLATA (local access transport area) calls for both LPATS and NPATS. It is also optional for both LPATS and NPATS on 0+ and 0- interLATA calls.

On November 18, 1994, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL or the Company) filed a tariff to change the method of payment of Set Use Fees to pay telephone (PATS) providers. The Company currently renders a monthly check to the PATS provider which equals the billed Set Use Fee charges minus adjustments for bad debts.

The Company is proposing that its current tariff be changed. Instead of issuing a separate check, GTEFL seeks to issue a credit on the monthly bill rendered to the PATS provider that will equal the Set Use Fee charges minus an amount for adjustments, such as bad debts and billables which are uncollectible. The credit would replace the checks that GTEFL sends monthly. The dollar amount of the credit on the monthly bill would be the same as the amount that is rendered on the checks.

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This tariff filing will have no effect on revenues. We believe the transition to issuing a credit on the monthly bill as opposed to checks is reasonable. The tariff will have no effect on the general body of ratepayers nor is there a revenue increase associated with it. Accordingly, we find that this tariff filing is appropriate.

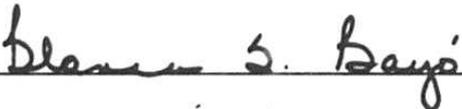
Based on the foregoing, it is,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the tariff to change the method of payment of the Set Use Fee to pay telephone providers by GTE Florida Incorporated is hereby approved with an effective date of February 1, 1995. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirements 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 requirements set forth below and if no timely protest is filed in Order No. PSC-95-0237-FOF-TL, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 21st day of February, 1995.



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 March 14, 1995.

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.