

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: PROPOSED TARIFF FILING BY AT&T ) DOCKET NO. 891172-TI  
 COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES ) ORDER NO. 22411  
 TO WITHDRAW TELEGRAPH GRADE SERVICE ) ISSUED: 1-11-90  
 (SERIES 1000 CHANNEL SERVICES, TYPES )  
 1001 AND 1002) EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, )  
 1989 (T-89-494 FILED 9/22/89) )  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHAEL McK. WILSON, Chairman  
 THOMAS M. BEARD  
 BETTY EASLEY  
 GERALD L. GUNTER  
 JOHN T. HERNDON

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 22, 1989 AT&T Communications (ATT-C) filed tariff revisions requesting to withdraw their Series 1000 Channel Services, Type 1001 and 1002, telegraph grade service offering from their Channel Services Tariff. Telegraph Grade Series 1000 Channel Service is an analog sub-voice grade service that can transmit low speed data up to 150 bits per second. The service is divided into types 1001 and 1002.

Type 1001 provides for a two or four-wire, one or two-way facility engineered for binary signaling at rates up to 75 baud or bits per second. The Type 1001 service can be furnished for remote operation of radiotelegraph, supervisory control, miscellaneous signaling, teletypewriter, teletypesetter and data transmission of binary signaling at rates up to 75 baud. Type 1002 also provides for a two or four-wire, one or two-way facility engineered for binary signals at rates up to 150 baud. Type 1002 service can be furnished for teletypewriter, data, supervisory control and miscellaneous signaling use.

The technology used in providing Telegraph Service is more than 100 years old. ATT-C states that the equipment used in

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providing the service is obsolete and costly to maintain. Further, the manufacturer has discontinued the manufacture of this equipment. The company indicates these factors make it difficult to provide Telegraph Service within normal quality standards.

The company states that it has notified the few customers now receiving the service of the company's plans to discontinue the service December 31, 1989. The major user of Telegraph Grade Service in the past has been the National Weather Service Bureau, however the Bureau now has a new satellite service and is not included in ATT-C's current customer base.

ATT-C indicates that it has advised it's current customers that reasonable alternatives are available to them and that ATT-C will work closely with them to effect as smooth a transition as possible to an alternative service. The alternative services include AT&T voice grade private line service Series 2000, ACCUNET(R) Spectrum of Digital Services, DATAPHONE(R) Digital Service, AT&T WATS Services and AT&T long distance service, in addition to services offered by other IXC's.

Since there are only seven customers who presently have the service, the company claims that there will be only limited customer impact with the removal of these services. If these customers remain with ATT-C and move to one of the alternative services listed above, their monthly bill would increase between 16% and 35% depending on the alternative service selected. The positive revenue impact to ATT-C would be approximately \$1,500. Also, if all seven customers were to change carriers, the impact to ATT-C would be negligible. In reviewing the customer list, it appears that these seven customers are sophisticated users and should be capable of upgrading their networks with minimal expense.

We, therefore, believe that it is appropriate to approve ATT-C's request to withdraw Telegraph Grade Series 1000 Channel Services, Types 1001 and 1002. While there might be some customer impact, it will only affect larger users who have a multitude of alternatives with minimal rate impact. The increased maintenance cost and manufacture discontinuance,

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combined with the 100 year old technology persuaded us to allow the company to withdraw these services. The company's request for an effective date of December 31, 1989 is also granted.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED that AT&T Communication's tariff withdrawing Series 1000 Channel Services, Types 1001 and 1002, telegraph service is approved, effective December 31, 1989. It is further

ORDERED that this docket be and the same is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission,  
this 11th day of JANUARY, 1990.

  
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STEVE TRIBBLE, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

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