

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff filing to add a ) DOCKET NO. 910667-TL  
 late payment charge by SOUTHLAND ) ORDER NO. 24991  
 TELEPHONE COMPANY ) ISSUED: 8/29/91  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman  
 J. TERRY DEASON  
 BETTY EASLEY  
 MICHAEL McK. WILSON

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 20, 1991, Southland Telephone Company (Southland) filed tariff revisions adding a 1.5% late payment charge for delinquent accounts and a 1% late payment charge for counties and municipalities. By Order No. 24327, issued April 4, 1991, we eliminated the late payment charge exemption for counties and municipalities. Local governmental entities are subject to statutory late payment charges in accordance with the provisions of the Florida Prompt Payment Act, Sections 218.70-218.79, Florida Statutes.

Southland's tariff meets the requirements of both the Order and statute. Southland has requested an effective date of September 9, 1991, for the tariff. We believe that Southland's tariff proposal is appropriate and hereby approve it.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Southland Telephone Company's proposed tariff filing adding a late payment charge is hereby approved with an effective date of September 9, 1991. 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 revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

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ORDERED that if no protest is filed in accordance with the requirement set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 29th day of AUGUST, 1991.

  
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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

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Reporting at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on 9/19/91

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 sewer 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.