

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Notice of election of price regulation by United Telephone Company of Florida.)	DOCKET NO. 960076-TL
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In Re: Notice of election of price regulation by Central Telephone Company of Florida.)	DOCKET NO. 960075-TL
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In Re: Notice of election of price regulation by GTE Florida Incorporated.)	DOCKET NO. 960077-TL
)	ORDER NO. PSC-96-0320-FOF-TL
)	ISSUED: March 4, 1996
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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 ACKNOWLEDGING ELECTION OF PRICE REGULATION

BY THE COMMISSION:

I. BACKGROUND

Section 364.051, Florida Statutes (1995), allows local exchange companies (LECs) to elect price regulation effective January 1, 1996. On December 29, 1995 GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) filed notification of its election of price regulation effective January 3, 1996. On January 2, 1996 United Telephone Company of Florida (United) and Central Telephone Company of Florida (Centel) filed notification of their respective elections of price regulation effective January 2, 1996.

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ELECTION OF PRICE REGULATION

GTEFL, United and Centel have each filed a notice of election of price regulation effective after January 1, 1996.

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FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

A. GTEFL

GTEFL has elected price regulation effective January 3, 1996. Accordingly, we acknowledge GTEFL's election. We note that GTEFL's basic and network access rates are capped at the rates in effect January 3, 1996 pursuant to Sections 364.051(2) and 364.163, Florida Statutes. In addition, we further note that GTEFL's rates for protected non-basic services are also capped at the rates in effect on July 1, 1995 as specified in section 364.051(6)(a), Florida Statutes. These capped rates cannot be increased until January 1, 1999.

B. United

United has elected price regulation effective January 2, 1996. Accordingly, we acknowledge United's election. We note that United's basic and network access rates are capped at the rates in effect January 3, 1996 pursuant to Sections 364.051(2) and 364.163, Florida Statutes. In addition, we further note that United's rates for protected non-basic services are also capped at the rates in effect on July 1, 1995 as specified in section 364.051(6)(a), Florida Statutes. These capped rates cannot be increased until January 1, 1999.

C. Centel

Centel has elected price regulation effective January 2, 1996. Accordingly, we acknowledge Centel's election. We note that Centel's basic and network access rates are capped at the rates in effect January 3, 1996 pursuant to Sections 364.051(2) and 364.163, Florida Statutes. In addition, we further note that Centel's rates for protected non-basic services are also capped at the rates in effect on July 1, 1995 as specified in section 364.051(6)(a), Florida Statutes. These capped rates cannot be increased until January 1, 1999.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that GTE Florida Incorporated's notice of election of price regulation is hereby acknowledged as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

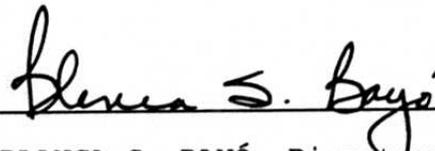
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ORDERED that United Telephone Company of Florida's notice of election of price regulation is hereby acknowledged as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that Central Telephone Company of Florida's notice of election of price regulation is hereby acknowledged as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that these dockets be closed.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Blanca S. Bayó", is written over a horizontal line.

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.