

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Resolution by Gulf ) DOCKET NO. 950423-TL  
County Board of Commissioners ) ORDER NO. PSC-96-0621-FOF-TL  
for extended area service (EAS) ) ISSUED: May 8, 1996  
between Gulf County and the )  
Panama City exchange. )  
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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 IMPLEMENTING EXTENDED AREA SERVICE

BY THE COMMISSION:

This docket was initiated pursuant to Resolution No. 95-06 filed on March 23, 1995, by the Gulf County Board of Commissioners requesting extended area service (EAS) between the Panama City exchange and Gulf County, which consists of The Beaches, Wewahitchka, and Port St. Joe exchanges. The Beaches, Wewahitchka, and Port St. Joe exchanges are served by St. Joe Telephone and Telegraph Company (St. Joe), and the Panama City exchange is served by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth). These routes are located in the Panama City LATA (local access and transport area).

By Order No. PSC-95-0602-PCO-TL, issued May 12, 1995, we required St. Joe and BellSouth to conduct traffic studies on the Wewahitchka/Panama City and Port St. Joe/Panama City routes. By Order No. PSC-95-1580-FOF-TL, issued December 21, 1995, we required St. Joe to survey its customers in the Wewahitchka exchange for nonoptional, two-way, flat rate EAS to the Panama City exchange under the 25/25 plan. The Order provided that if the survey passed, St. Joe shall implement two-way, nonoptional, flat rate extended area service on the Wewahitchka to Panama City exchange at the following rates: R-1 at \$10.50; B-1 at \$28.63; and PBX at \$48.66. The Order further required that the 25/25 additive remain in effect until St. Joe's next rate review, or until the Company elects price regulation, whichever is sooner.

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The Order also required extended calling service (ECS) be implemented on the Port St. Joe/Panama City, The Beaches/Tyndall AFB and the Port St. Joe/Tyndall AFB routes. On March 1, 1996, ECS was implemented on the Port St. Joe/Panama City, The Beaches/Tyndall AFB and the Port St. Joe/Tyndall AFB routes.

St. Joe mailed 2,161 ballots to all customers of record in the Wewahitchka exchange. The results of the survey are as follows:

TABLE A

SURVEY RESULTS			
	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL MAILED	PERCENT OF TOTAL RETURNED
Ballots Mailed	2,161	100.00%	
Ballots Returned	1,116	51.64%	100.00%
For EAS	757	35.03%	67.83%
Against EAS	334	15.46%	29.93%
Invalid	25	1.16%	2.24%

Rule 25-4.063(6), Florida Administrative Code, requires a majority of all respondents in each exchange to vote favorably and at least 40% of all ballots mailed must be returned. Based on this rule, the survey passed, because 51.64% of all ballots mailed were returned and 67.83% of the ballots returned voted in favor of EAS.

Based on the results of the survey, we require that St. Joe and BellSouth implement nonoptional, two-way, flat rate EAS on the Wewahitchka/Panama City route at the rates stated in Order No. PSC-95-1580-FOF-TL. This route shall be implemented as soon as possible but not to exceed twelve months from the issuance of this Order. Our staff will monitor implementation of the EAS to ensure that St. Joe and BellSouth make the necessary tariff revisions to comply with the implementation date.

Based on the foregoing, it is

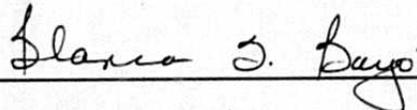
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that St. Joe Telephone and Telegraph Company and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., shall implement two-way, nonoptional, flat rate extended area service between the Wewahitchka exchange and the Panama City exchange. This route shall be implemented as soon as possible but not to exceed twelve months from the issuance of this Order. It is further

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ORDERED that St. Joe and BellSouth shall implement two-way, nonoptional, flat rate extended area service between the Wewahitchka exchange and the Panama City exchange at the rates stated in Order No. PSC-95-1580-FOF-TL. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed. This docket will be placed on monitor status to ensure that St. Joe and BellSouth make the necessary tariff revisions to comply with the implementation date.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 8th day of May, 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,

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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.