

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff to revise toll) DOCKET NO. 911154-TL
rates and modify Hilliard-Jacksonville) ORDER NO. 25818
calling plan by ALLTEL FLORIDA, INC.) ISSUED: 2/27/92
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman
SUSAN F. CLARK
J. TERRY DEASON
BETTY EASLEY
LUIS J. LAUREDO

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are adversely affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

On November 18, 1991, Alltel Florida, Inc. (Alltel or the Company) filed revised tariffs which amounted to a total reduction in rates of \$1,524,997. The tariff filings consisted of four proposed changes: (1) reduced intraLATA MTS rates; (2) reduced intraLATA WATS and 800 rates; (3) elimination of Toll-Pac service; and (4) the conversion of the current Hilliard-Jacksonville one-way nonoptional toll calling plan to a \$.25 per call plan with seven digit dialing. By Order No. 25600, issued January 13, 1992, we approved the reductions of the intraLATA MTS, WATS and 800 rates, and the elimination of Toll-Pac service. We addressed the Hilliard-Jacksonville \$.25 plan at the February 4, 1992, Agenda Conference.

The current Hilliard to Jacksonville toll calling plan was put in place in 1988 as an alternative to flat rate EAS. Known as the Threshold Plan, its purpose was to provide customers a measure of toll relief where traditional flat rate EAS was not feasible. Under the current plan, subscribers pay a flat monthly charge of \$2.34, which includes a call allowance of six calls, and are

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assessed \$.39 for each call over six. All calls under the plan are direct dialed toll.

Under the proposed plan, all calls from Hilliard to Jacksonville would be rated at \$.25 per call, and there would be no minimum charge. These calls would be provided with seven digit dialing and thus be treated as local calls. The Company estimates that implementing the \$.25 plan would result in a decrease in annual revenues of \$78,773, excluding any potential stimulation that may occur.

Although the Threshold Plan was a reasonable option at the time, we believe that the \$.25 local calling plan is preferable. First, under the current plan all subscribers pay for a minimum of six calls per month; however, approximately 36% of the Company's Hilliard customers do not utilize the entire six call allowance. With the \$.25 plan customers only pay for those calls they make. Also, due to the decline in toll rates over the past few years, the relative discount from toll rates afforded by the Threshold Plan has narrowed. Reducing the per call rate from \$.39 to \$.25 is roughly in accord with the toll decreases.

Finally, consistent with prior plans we have authorized, we find that the \$.25 local calling plan between Hilliard and Jacksonville shall be on a two-way basis. Therefore, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell) shall eliminate Toll-Pac between Jacksonville and Hilliard, and replace it with a \$.25 local calling plan with seven digit dialing.

Southern Bell estimates that the revenue effect of this plan is a \$157,700 decrease in revenues. But, Southern Bell's estimate does not consider the access charges currently paid to Alltel for Jacksonville-Hilliard traffic. Conversely, Alltel will incur a revenue loss due to the foregone access revenues. Southern Bell's net revenue loss will be offset against the EAS monies previously set aside.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Alltel Florida, Inc.'s proposed tariff to convert the existing Hilliard-Jacksonville toll calling plan to a \$.25 per call local plan is hereby approved. It is further

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ORDERED that the \$.25 plan shall be implemented with seven digit dialing no later than six months from the effective date of this order, provided no protest is received. It is further

ORDERED that Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company shall eliminate Toll-Pac between Jacksonville and Hilliard, and replace it with a \$.25 local calling plan with seven digit dialing to be implemented, with appropriate tariffs filed, no later than six months from the effective date of this order, provided no protest is received. It is further

ORDERED that any net revenue loss incurred by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company due to implementation of this plan shall be offset against the EAS monies previously set aside by this Commission. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed, the implementation of the Alltel Florida, Inc. \$.25 plan and the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph \$.25 plan shall be delayed pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 27th day of FEBRUARY, 1992.



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

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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 action proposed herein is preliminary in nature and will not become effective or final, except as provided by Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.029(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a) and (f), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on

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In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective on the day subsequent to the above date as provided by Rule 25-22.029(6), Florida Administrative Code.

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 and effective 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 effective date 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.