

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for a rate) DOCKET NO. 920310-TL
increase by CENTRAL TELEPHONE) ORDER NO. PSC-92-0922-CFO-TL
COMPANY OF FLORIDA) ISSUED: 09/03/92
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION
FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

BY THE PREHEARING OFFICER:

On September 1, 1992, Central Telephone Company of Florida filed a Motion for Temporary Protective Order with respect to the depositions of Mr. John P. Frazee and Mr. Al Allan Kurtze, which were noticed by the Office of Public Counsel to be held on September 3, 1992, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Public Counsel. In its Motion, the Company requests a temporary protective order because Public Counsel's announced purpose is to explore the pending merger between Centel Corporation and Sprint Corporation and related matters. Under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company and its officers may not disclose information contained in the proxy statement prior to the time the proxy statement is approved and publicly distributed. Based on its discussion with the attorneys for the Staff and the Office of Public Counsel, the Company expects that Mr. Frazee and Mr. Kurtze will be questioned about matters related to the proposed merger which may require disclosure of information contained in the proxy statement and which must be kept confidential. In addition, the Company states that to the extent Messrs. Frazee and Kurtze are questioned about matters related to the merger, such inquiries could also require disclosure of information relating to other alternatives to the proposed merger with Sprint Corporation. Pending the approval of the merger, that information must also be kept confidential to protect the Company's ability to pursue other alternatives in the event the pending merger is not approved by the shareowners or others having approval authority, including this Commission.

With this as background, the Company seeks a temporary protective order requiring that the depositions of Mr. Frazee and Mr. Kurtze be confidential and declaring that the confidential information disclosed therein and the deposition transcripts resulting therefrom not be disclosed to anyone other than the parties of record in this case. The Company indicates it will seek a permanent protective order within ten (10) days following receipt of the transcript of these depositions as to those portions of the transcripts for which the Company seeks continuing confidential treatment.

Pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, the Florida Public Service Commission is authorized to issue protective orders

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exempting certain information from the requirements of Florida's public records laws. Having reviewed the Company's Motion and considering the unique circumstances involved, I find it appropriate to grant the Company's Motion. It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Prehearing Officer that Central Telephone Company of Florida's Motion for Temporary Protective Order is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the depositions of Mr. Frazee and Mr. Kurtze scheduled for September 3, 1992, shall be confidential and confidential information disclosed therein and the deposition transcripts resulting therefrom shall not be disclosed to anyone other than the parties of record in this case. It is further

ORDERED that the Company shall request a Permanent Protective Order within ten (10) days following the Company's receipt of the transcripts of the depositions covered by the Temporary Protective Order. This Temporary Protective Order shall remain in effect until the Commission rules on a Permanent Protective Order pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code.

By ORDER of J. Terry Deason as Prehearing Officer, this 3rd day of September, 1992



J. TERRY DEASON
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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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 this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.038(2), Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) 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 or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.