

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Telephone)
Service Company to Abandon its TSC) Case No. 00-1381-TP-ATA
Regional Service.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) On July 27, 2000, as amended on October 6, October 13, and October 16, 2000, Telephone Service Company filed an application for authority to abandon its intrastate, intraLATA toll service offering known as "TSC Regional Service" for calls within the Toledo LATA.¹
- (2) In its application, Telephone Service Company states that the requested abandonment is appropriate in light of the fact that Telephone Service Company offers two overlapping intraLATA services, "TSC Regional Service" and "TSC Long Distance."² Telephone Service Company contends that the two services are redundant, compete with one another, and require the additional expense of maintaining dual intraLATA toll billing systems. Telephone Service Company submits that, upon discontinuation of "TSC Regional Service," subscribers can either migrate to telephone service company's "TSC Long Distance" service or select from 13 other carriers for their intrastate, intraLATA toll service.

In conjunction with its application, Telephone Service Company filed copies of proposed letters, which will be sent to its customers notifying them of the decision to cease the offering of "TSC Regional Service." Through these letters, Telephone Service Company will inform their customers that they can choose another intrastate, intraLATA toll service provider, and that Telephone Service Company will pay the carrier change charge. However, in the event that a customer did not choose a new intrastate, intraLATA toll service

¹ Based upon the amendments filed in this matter, the Commission, on our own motion, is changing the case code from a "UNC" to an "ATA" to more accurately reflect the request being made by Telephone Service Company in this proceeding.

² "TSC Regional Service" is the traditional intraLATA service offered by the local service provider, Telephone Service Company. "TSC Long Distance" is also an intraLATA offering, which consists of services purchased from the underlying carrier, TSC Communications, Inc., and resold by Telephone Service Company.

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provider before the applicant ceases offering "TSC Regional Service", the applicant has arranged for those customers to default to "TSC Long Distance".

Following the discontinuation of "TSC Regional Service," an additional notice would be sent to those customers who do not affirmatively select a new intrastate, intraLATA toll service provider informing them that they are now subscribing to Telephone Service Company's intrastate, intraLATA toll service, "TSC Long Distance". The letter will also notify these subscribers that they will have an additional 90-day window in which they may choose to switch to another carrier at no charge.

- (3) Upon consideration of the application, the Commission finds that, due to the circumstances presented in this case, the applicant should be permitted to cease its "TSC Regional Service" and transfer its intrastate, intraLATA toll customers to its intrastate, intraLATA toll service, "TSC Long Distance". The discontinuation of this service shall occur no earlier than 30 days from the date that the first notice is sent to its customers.

In arriving at this decision, we considered the importance of the notices to be provided by the applicant to its customers. Based on the state of competition in the intraLATA market, and given that no objections have been raised in this case, the Commission finds this to be a reasonable resolution of the provision of intrastate, intraLATA toll services to Telephone Service Company's customers.

- (4) Accordingly, Telephone Service Company should remove its "TSC Regional Service" offering from its tariff and file three copies of its revised tariff sheets in both this case and its TRF docket. These tariff amendments are to become effective no earlier than 30 days from the date that the initial notice discussed above is sent to its customers.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, Telephone Service Company's application to discontinue its offering of "TSC Regional Service" is approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Finding and Order. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Telephone Service Company should provide the requisite notices as described in this Finding and Order. It is, further,


ORDERED, That Telephone Service Company should revise its tariff in accordance with Finding (3). It is, further,

ORDERED, That the applicant's president file an affidavit verifying that the two customer notices discussed above were provided. It is, further,

ORDERED, That this case be closed of record.

ORDERED, That copies of this Finding and Order be served upon all interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



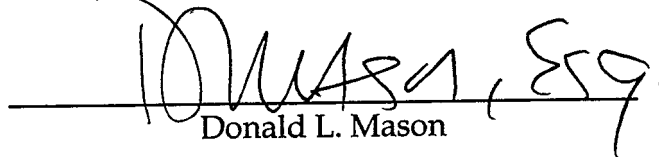
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CASE DESCRIPTION TELEPHONE SERVICE COMPANY
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