

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Petition of Stephanie Bogner and Numerous Other Subscribers of the Attica Exchange of GTE North Incorporated,

Complainants,

v.

GTE North Incorporated,

Respondent,

Relative to a Request for Extended Area Service From the Attica Exchange of GTE North Inc. to the Willard Exchange of GTE North Incorporated.

Case No. 97-1117-TP-PEX

SUPPLEMENTAL FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) On September 3, 1998, the Commission issued its Finding and Order (Order) in this case which granted two-way, flat-rate extended area service (EAS) between the Attica Exchange of GTE North Incorporated (GTE) and the Willard Exchange of GTE. The grant of two-way, flat-rate EAS was contingent upon the conduct and filing of a canvass of the Attica Exchange subscribers which would show that a substantial majority of those subscribers is willing to pay appropriate rates for the ordered service.
- (2) The September 3, 1998 Order set forth the increased rates that GTE would be allowed to charge Attica subscribers upon implementing two-way, flat-rate EAS. Included with the Order was a ballot form, stating the increased rates, to be used by the complainants in canvassing the Attica Exchange. The Order directed GTE to facilitate the canvassing by supplying the complainants with a list of the names and addresses of all Attica subscribers, and afforded GTE an opportunity to file its position on the final tally by December 4, 1998.

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- (3) --- The complainants filed their canvass results on November 12, 1998. However, the spokesperson did not file a tally sheet for the results of the canvass. GTE filed its response to the canvass on December 4, 1998. According to the canvass results filed by GTE, of the 1,179 total access lines 815 cast ballots in favor of flat-rate service which reflects a 69 percent approval rate. GTE stated that it does not wish a hearing on the EAS canvass.
- (4) The Commission is of the opinion that a substantial majority of the Attica subscribers is willing to pay the increased rates associated with the implementation of two-way, flat-rate EAS between the Attica Exchange and the Willard Exchange. The service should, therefore, be instituted.
- (5) The remaining issue is the time period within which EAS will be implemented. In the September 3, 1998 Order, the Commission noted that GTE indicated that EAS could be implemented between the involved exchanges within 12 months from the date the Commission orders the service to be instituted. On December 3, 1998, the spokesperson filed a request that, contingent upon the results of the canvass, GTE implement two-way, flat-rate EAS between the Attica and Willard exchanges in 4 months rather than the 12 months. The complainants' reason that, according to testimony filed by GTE's witness, no new facilities or equipment is necessary to implement the ordered flat-rate service.
- (6) On December 17, 1998, GTE filed a memorandum in regards to the complainants' request for a more timely installation date of the ordered EAS. GTE states that in this particular case, since both exchanges are served by GTE, work orders for equipment updates have been issued and all database information can be processed, customer notices timely sent out and the 1999 directory updated to reflect the institution of flat-rate EAS, that GTE can implement service within 4 months. The Commission will grant the complainants' request that the EAS service be instituted within four months of the date of this Order.

It is, therefore,

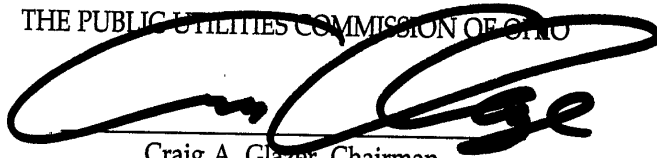
ORDERED, That two-way, flat-rate EAS be instituted between the Attica Exchange of GTE and the Willard Exchange of GTE within 4 months and that the respondent make every effort to provide the service as soon as practicable. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the respondent establish an in-service date within one month of this Supplemental Finding and Order, inform the Commission and the spokesperson for the complainants of the date, and advise the Commission and the spokesperson for the complainants not later than 60 days prior to the in-service date in the event the date cannot be met. It is, further,

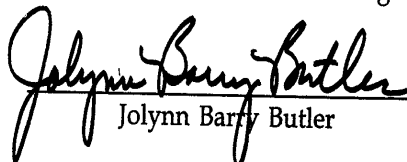
ORDERED, That the respondent is authorized to file three copies of revised tariff sheets reflecting the establishment of two-way, flat-rate EAS. GTE should file its tariff sheets under one cover letter which references both this matter, Case No. 97-1117-TP-PEX, and the company's "TRF" case number. These tariff sheets shall be effective upon the institution of the service. It is, further,

ORDERED, That copies of this Supplemental Finding and Order be served upon the spokesperson for the complainants, GTE and its counsel, and all other interested persons of record.

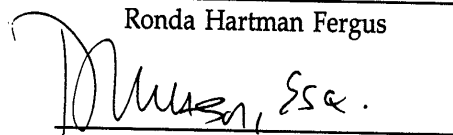
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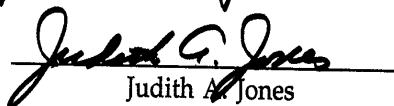
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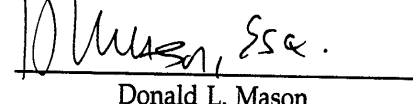
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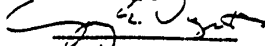
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