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Decision No. 84461

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's)
own motion into the promulgation)
of a General Order providing for)
the procedures and standards to)
be followed for the interconnection)
of customer-provided communications)
terminal equipment to the tele-)
communication facilities of)
intrastate telephone utilities.)

Case No. 9625
(Filed October 24, 1973)

ORDER DENYING REHEARING
AND MODIFYING DECISION NO. 84364

Petitions for rehearing of Decision No. 84364 have been filed by Phonetele, Inc. and International Business Machines Corporation. After considering each and every allegation contained therein, we are of the opinion that good cause for rehearing has not been made to appear. However, we are of the further opinion that several modifications to Decision No. 84364 should be made.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that

1. Decision No. 84364 is hereby modified to delete Findings Nos. 6 and 7 and Ordering Paragraphs Nos. 3 and 4;
2. The discussion in Decision No. 84364, beginning with the last two paragraphs of page 3 and ending ten lines from the top of page 4 thereof, is hereby rescinded and deleted;
3. Page 6 of Appendix B to Decision No. 84364 is hereby modified by the inclusion therein of Footnote 1 (Page 1 of 2 of Appendix attached hereto);
4. Page 7 of Appendix B to Decision No. 84364 is hereby modified to correct a minor clerical error which appears in the fifth line from the bottom of that page (Page 2 of 2 of Appendix attached hereto);
5. Rehearing of Decision No. 84364, as modified hereinabove, is hereby denied.
6. The suspension of Decision No. 84364, caused by the timely filing of the subject petitions for rehearing, is hereby terminated.

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The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th
day of MAY, 1975.

Thomas L. Stinson
President
William S. Jones Jr.
Donald W. [unclear]
Robert [unclear]
Commissioners

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1.1 Intent.

- a. Purpose. The purpose of these rules is to establish uniform standards for direct electrical connection of customer-provided equipment of the classes specified herein to the telecommunications network of telephone utilities.^{1/} These rules provide a basis for:
 - (1) The direct connection of customer-provided equipment (including customer-provided protective couplers) which meets the minimum network requirement specifications set forth in these rules.
 - (2) The use of utility-provided protective couplers with customer-provided equipment which does not meet the minimum network requirement specifications set forth in these rules.
- b. Acoustical or Inductive Interconnection. Interconnection of customer-provided equipment by acoustical or inductive means is covered by the filed tariffs of the respective utilities and is not subject to these rules.
- c. Limits of Order. These rules are devised solely to protect utility personnel from hazards and the telecommunications network from actual harm. Compliance with these rules and certification does not imply Commission approval of customer-provided equipment design nor constitute a guarantee of its performance.
- d. Absence of Civil Liability. The establishment of these rules shall not impose upon utilities, and they shall not be subject to, any civil liability for damages, which liability would not exist at law if these rules had not been adopted.

^{1/} As used hereinafter "telecommunications network" refers to the public-switched telephone network (MTS).

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- e. Revision of Scope. These rules may be revised on the basis of experience gained in their application and as changes in the art of telephony may require.

1.2 Applicability.

These rules are applicable to all utilities and interconnected parties within the State of California.

1.3 Definitions.

Terms not specifically defined in this section and used in these rules are to be construed within the meaning given them in the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Standard Dictionary of Electrical and Electronic Terms (IEEE Standard No. 100-1972), published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, 345 East 47th Street, New York, N. Y. 10017, and in the Glossary of Communications by Emerson E. Smith, published in 1971 by the Telephony Publishing Corporation, 53 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Acoustical Connection - Coupling between customer-provided equipment and utility equipment accomplished by means of electromagnetic to acoustic and acoustic to electromagnetic transducers without direct electrical connection.

Ancillary Equipment - Line or Station Auxiliary Device Equipment fulfilling the needs of customer to improve the value of utility-provided telephone service in a way which is privately beneficial to him without causing harm to the network. This category includes but is not restricted to answering devices, automatic dialers, conferencing devices, call diverters, call restrictors, traffic monitoring equipment, and similar equipment connected with other customer-provided equipment or utility-provided equipment. Equipment class 3 of Section 5.1 of these rules is excluded from this definition.

Conferencing Equipment - Equipment which interconnects three or more telephones and permits all parties to converse at random.