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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's
own motion to provide a program
implementing a dual party relay
system to connect deaf persons
with persons of normal hearing
pursuant to Section 2881(b) of
the Public Utilities Code.

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OPINION MODIFYING DECISION 86-02-042

California Telephone Association (CTA), on behalf of all California local exchange companies, filed a petition for modification of Decision (D.) 86-02-042, which adopted a dual party relay system using third party intervention to connect deaf or severely hearing-impaired persons with persons of normal hearing by use of Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf and the telephone system.

A copy of the petition was mailed to all parties of record, and notice of this petition appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 16, 1989. No comments were filed.

CTA requests that D.86-02-042 be modified to exempt local exchange companies from passing through to the DEAF Trust monthly revenues generated through the relay system if such monthly revenue does not exceed \$1,000. According to CTA, DEAF Trust and small local exchange company administrative costs incurred to collect and report such revenues exceed the amount of revenues collected.

CTA represents that its proposed modification is consistent with a November 8, 1988 DEAF Trust Administrative Committee recommendation that a \$1,000 per month revenue threshold should be adopted as a cost effective measure, and that the revenue loss is negligible because the total revenue attributable to the

twenty smaller local exchange companies does not exceed \$2,000 per month.

We implemented the dual party relay system with the goal of establishing an optimum cost-effective system to connect deaf persons and severely hearing-impaired persons with persons of normal hearing. CTA's modification is consistent with this goal; therefore, we will adopt CTA's \$1,000 per month revenue threshold.

Findings of Fact

1. CTA requests that D.86-02-042 be modified to exempt local exchange companies from passing through revenues generated through the relay system to the DEAF Trust if such monthly revenues do not exceed \$1,000.

2. CTA represents all the California local exchange telephone companies.

3. A copy of this petition was mailed to all parties of record.

4. Notice of this petition appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 16, 1989.

5. No comments to the petition have been filed.

6. DEAF Trust and small local exchange company administrative costs to collect and report revenues up to \$1,000 generated through the relay system exceed the amount of revenues collected.

7. The DEAF Trust Administrative Committee recommends that a \$1,000 per month revenue threshold should be adopted as a cost effective measure.

8. The revenue loss from adopting the \$1,000 threshold is negligible.

9. The dual party relay system was implemented with the goal of establishing an optimum cost-effective system to connect deaf persons and severely hearing-impaired persons with persons of normal hearing.

Conclusion of Law

CTA's petition should be adopted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Ordering Paragraph 1 of Decision 86-02-042 is modified to exempt all telecommunications utilities whose subscribers use the dual party relay system from passing through to the DEAF Trust monthly revenues generated through the dual party relay system if such monthly revenues do not exceed \$1,000.

This order is effective today.

Dated APR 12 1989, at San Francisco, California.

G. MITCHELL WILK
President
STANLEY W. HULETT
JOHN B. OHANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
Commissioners

Commissioner Frederick R. Duda
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.

Victor Weiss

Victor Weiss, Executive Director