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Decision 90-12-106 December 19, 1990

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of the California Association of)
Long Distance Telephone Companies)
for the Rehearing of Resolution)
No. T-14155.)

ORIGINAL
A. 90-10-055
(Filed October 24, 1990)

ORDER MODIFYING RESOLUTION T-14155
AND DENYING REHEARING

The California Association of Long Distance Telephone Companies (CALTEL) has filed an application for rehearing of Resolution No. T-14155. The Resolution adopts Pacific Bell's Advice Letter No. 15785 which seeks to revise Pacific's Tariff Schedule No. 175-T. The proposed changes to the Tariff would: (1) consolidate line termination, intercept and local switching into a single rate element; (2) phase out the differential between local switching elements LS1 and LS2 by going to LS2 which results in rate increases to consumers, and (3) eliminate the 10 day waiting period that currently applies before late charges are assessed.

We have considered all the allegations of error in the application, and are of the opinion that the Resolution should be modified in certain respects, but that sufficient grounds for granting a rehearing have not been shown.

Therefore good causing appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Resolution T-14155 is modified as follows:

1. Finding of Fact No. 1 is deleted and replaced with the following:

The changes proposed by Pacific Bell in Advice Letter No. 15785 comply with General Order 96-A, and are justifiably handled by the advice letter procedure.

2. Finding of Fact No. 2 is modified to read:

The evidence received indicates that the cost differential between LS1 and LS2 is minimal.

3. Former Finding of Fact No. 3 is deleted and the following becomes Finding of Fact No. 3:

The elimination of the differential between LS1 and LS2 is a step toward the achievement of operational parity between the intrastate and the interstate access rates, as recommended by D.85-01-010 (the Parity Decision).

4. The following is Finding of Fact No. 4:

The reduction from 41 days to 31 days of the period between the billing date and the date late payment charges will be assessed still exceeds Pacific's Rule 9, which imposes a late charge if the customer fails to pay the bill within twenty-two days of the postmark date on the billing envelope.

5. Former Finding of Fact No. 4 is renumbered to become Finding of Fact No. 5.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. The rehearing application of CALTEL is hereby denied. This order is effective today.

Dated December 19, 1990, at San Francisco, California.

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

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

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JAMES M. BROOKHUIS, Director
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