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Decision 91-06-049 June 19, 1991

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Alternative Regulatory Frameworks for Local Exchange Carriers.

And Related Matters.



Application 85-01-034 Application 87-01-002 I_85-03-078 I_87-02-025 Case 87-07-024

ORDER GRANTING LIMITED REHEARING OF DECISION (D.) 91-03-020

Separate applications for rehearing of D.91-03-020 have been filed by Pacific Bell ("PacBell") and GTE California ("GTEC"), alleging legal error in that there is no evidence in the record to support the the parameters outlined for a "large building" in D.91-03-020, and that D.91-03-020 modifies D.89-10-031 without notice and opportunity for the parties to be heard on such a modification, by precluding local exchange carriers (LECs) from extending a fiber "feeder" in the feeder system to serve a large residential building without preapproval.

The Commission agrees that there is no evidence in the record to support the meaning of a "large building" as set forth in D.91-03-020. Consequently, since there are insufficient facts on the record, the Commission finds that good cause exists to grant limited rehearing on this issue.

The Commission does not agree that D.91-03-020 changes, in general, the preapproval requirements for investment in fiber it mandated in D.89-10-031. The Commission will continue to require LECs to file applications for authority to offer new services I.87-11-033, A.85-01-034, et al. L/lkw

dependent on a fiber-to-the-customer infrastructure prior to making any investment in fiber beyond the feeder system, other than small-scale trials or fiber which the Commission has found to be cost effective in the provision of traditional local exchange carrier services. However, because the rehearing applications and reply briefs raise an ambiguity regarding the Commission's intent concerning when preapproval for investments in fiber feeder to serve large residential buildings is needed, good cause exists to grant limited rehearing to allow the parties an opportunity to be heard and to clarify any ambiguity on this specific issue.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A limited rehearing is granted to take evidence on the meaning of the term "large building" as used in the following definition for "feeder" adopted in D.91-03-020:

Generally, local exchange carrier outside plant is divided into feeder plant, distribution plant, and drops. Feeder plant connects a local exchange carrier's central office or remote wire center to a distribution point, such as a remote terminal unit, a terminal for a business customer's large building, or serving area interface. At the distribution point, individual circuits are connected to distribution plant and customer service drops delivering service directly to a customer premises. Generally speaking, distribution is initially installed at the capacity (number of lines) it is ultimately intended to serve, while feeder plant is periodically reinforced to add capacity as new customers (and their corresponding distribution plant and drops) are added to the network. Feeder plant is usually not connected directly to customer drops.

2. A limited rehearing also is granted to allow parties notice and opportunity to address their concerns regarding when preapproval is required for investment in fiber feeder which serves a large residential building.

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3. D.91-03-020 shall be modified as follows:

- (a) Delete from the decision the first full paragraph on page 4 through the first full paragraph on page 6.
- (b) Delete footnote 3 from page 5.
- (c) Delete Finding of Fact Number 6 on page 7.
- (d) Insert "33" between "(1989)" and "CPUC" in footnote 1 on page 1.
- (e) Change "CPUC 2d" in footnote 1 on page 1 to "Cal.P.U.C.2d".
- (f) Change the filing date on page 1 from "November 25, 1997" to "November 25, 1987".
- (g) Delete the following language from the Ordering Paragraph on page 8:

"A business customer's large building as included in the above definition shall be further defined as a commercial building with a minimum of 10,000 square feet of floor space, or any size building served with a private branch exchange (PBX) with a minimum of five active central office trunks. Where service is provided by equipment other than a PBX, the 10,000-square-foot size of building or 50 active telephone stations will prevail."

4. Parties who wish to address the issues specified in Ordering Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall serve their testimony on other parties and the Assigned Administrative Law Judge by August 20, 1991.

5. Following the receipt of the testimony, the Assigned Administrative Law Judge shall notice and establish a reasonable hearing schedule.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that except as provided in this order, rehearing of D.91-03-020 is denied.

This order is effective today.

Dated June 19, 1991 at San Francisco, California.

PATRICIA M. ECKERT President G. MITCHELL WILK JOHN B. OHANIAN DANIEL WM. FESSLER NORMAN D. SHUMWAY COmmissioners

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

MAN, Executive Director

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