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Decision 91-11-029 November 6, 1991

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
US Telecom, Inc., doing business as  
Sprint Services, for a Certificate of  
Public Convenience and Necessity to  
Provide InterLATA Telecommunications  
Services within the State of  
California.

) Application 89-09-012  
) (Filed September 1, 1989)

Application of AT&T Communications of  
California, Inc. (U 5002 C) for  
Authority to Provide Intrastate  
AT&T MultiQuest sm Services.

) Application 89-10-019  
) (Filed October 6, 1989)

Application of MCI Telecommunications  
Corporation (U 5011 C) Under Rule 15  
of the Commission's Rules of Practice  
and Procedure for Authority to  
Provide Intrastate 900 Service.

) Application 89-11-019  
) (Filed November 20, 1989)

In the Matter of the Investigation  
and Suspension on the Commission's  
own motion of tariffs filed by Advice  
Letters Nos. 8 and 9 of Telesphere  
Network, Inc.

) (I&S)  
) Case 89-11-020  
) (Filed November 20, 1989)

Order Instituting Investigation into  
the rates, charges, and practices of  
local exchange carriers in  
California.

) I.90-12-040  
) (Filed December 19, 1990)

**ORDER GRANTING LIMITED REHEARING  
OF DECISION 91-08-014**

Consumer Action has filed an application for rehearing of Decision (D.) 91-08-014. In D.91-08-014, we found that Consumer Action had made a substantial contribution to D.91-03-021, which granted four interexchange carriers the authority to offer intrastate, interLATA information services using the 900

area code, and awarded Consumer Action compensation in the amount of \$12,084.12.

Consumer Action alleges that the Commission erred in denying compensation for 3.75 hours spent on preparing its request for compensation pursuant to D.91-01-007. In D.91-01-007 we stated that, "in the future, we will not authorize compensation for the cost of calculating and submitting a fee request." (D.91-01-007 at p. 12.) Upon reconsideration, we have decided to continue our policy of authorizing reasonable fees for services relating to the preparation of requests for eligibility and requests for compensation. Although we still have concerns regarding the "fees on fees" policy, we believe that it is more appropriate to review this issue in the context of a rulemaking proceeding which will provide affected parties prior notice and an opportunity to be heard. We will grant a limited rehearing of D.91-08-014 for the purpose of determining whether Consumer Action's claim for 8.75 hours for preparation of its request for compensation is reasonable.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that limited rehearing of D.91-08-014 is granted in order to determine the reasonableness of Consumer Action's request for 8.75 hours for preparation of its request for compensation.

The assigned Administrative Law Judge shall review the record and prepare a decision in accordance with this order.

This order is effective today.

Dated November 6, 1991, at San Francisco, California.

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

PATRICIA M. ECKERT  
President  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
DANIEL Wm. FESSLER  
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY  
Commissioners

  
NEIL J. SOLOMAN, Executive Director