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Decision 92-03-015 March 11, 1992

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
AALERT PAGING COMPANY OF SACRAMENTO, )  
(U-2084-C), a California corporation, )  
for a Certificate of Public )  
Convenience and Necessity to )  
construct additional Radiotelephone )  
Utility Facility pursuant to )  
Section 1001 of the Public )  
Utilities Code. )

**ORIGINAL**  
Application 91-12-018  
(Filed December 9, 1991)

OPINION

AAlert Paging Company of Sacramento, a California corporation, (applicant) is a radiotelephone utility certificated by this Commission to provide one-way paging and two-way mobile telephone service in various areas of Northern California.

Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of AAlert Paging Company which owns six other radiotelephone properties. AAlert Paging Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Citizens Utilities Company (CUC). CUC owns telephone, electric, gas and water utilities in many states including California.

Applicant requests authorization to construct additional radiotelephone facilities on 931.9875 MHz. Engineering data for these new facilities and a map showing the proposed service area which will result from the addition of the new facilities are attached to the application. The new service area will be in the vicinity of Redding. The new facilities will be fully interconnected with applicant's existing system, providing radiotelephone coverage throughout the resulting service area. The facilities applied for have been authorized for construction by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Applicant alleges that it has received numerous requests from existing subscribers for the proposed increase in service area. Several large subscribers have stated that increased coverage is necessary for them to continue patronizing applicant's service. The proposed extension will simply add coverage area to applicant's existing service area. Applicant does not intend to change any tariffed prices, terms, or conditions as a result of this proposal.

Applicant and its affiliates operate numerous radiotelephone facilities and have done so for a number of years. Applicant has a full-time technical and engineering staff that has designed and constructed facilities similar to those proposed throughout the Western United States.

Applicant estimates that the total cost of acquiring and installing the new facilities will be approximately \$50,000. Applicant has the financial resources to complete the proposed expansion.

The proposed facilities are located where there are already existing radio facilities. Applicant's antennas will be located on existing towers and the transmitters will be housed in existing buildings. Accordingly, applicant asserts it may be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project will have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant served notice of its application and notice of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 24, 1991. There are no protests. A public hearing is not necessary.

2. There is public demand in applicant's service area for the additional facilities which applicant proposes to construct.

3. The facilities applied for have been authorized for construction by the FCC.

4. Applicant has the technical expertise to construct and operate the new facilities.

5. Applicant has the financial resources to construct and operate the new facilities.

6. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Conclusion of Law

The Commission concludes that the application be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to AAlert Paging Company of Sacramento for the construction and operation of a public utility one-way paging and two-way mobile telephone service radiotelephone system with base stations and service area as follows:

- a. Base station locations: As shown in Exhibit B to Application (A.) 91-12-018.
- b. Service area: As shown in Exhibit C to A.91-12-018.

2. Within 30 days after this order is effective, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate granted in this proceeding.

3. Applicant is authorized to file, after the effective date of this order and in compliance with General Order 96-A, tariffs applicable to the service authorized containing rates, charges, and rules applicable to its radiotelephone services. The tariffs shall become effective on not less than 5 days' notice. The rates and charges shall be the same as current rates and charges.

4. Applicant shall file as part of its individual tariff, after the effective date of this order and, consistent with

Ordering Paragraph 3, an engineered service area map drawn in conformity with the provisions of Federal Communications Commission Rule 22.504, commonly known as the "Carey Report," and consistent with Exhibit C to A.91-12-018.

5. Applicant shall notify the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (Telecommunications Branch) in writing of the date service is first rendered to the public as authorized herein, within 5 days after service begins.

6. The certificate granted and the authority to render service under the rates, charges and rules authorized will expire if not exercised within 12 months after the effective date of this order.

7. Applicant shall send a copy of this decision to concerned local permitting agencies not later than 30 days from today.

This order is effective today.

Dated March 11, 1992, at San Francisco, California.

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

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

  
NEAL J. SULMAN, Executive Director