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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own motion to provide for a program for the furnishing of telecommunications devices to the deaf and severely hearing impaired to be implemented by each California telephone utility.

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(Petition filed June 17, 1983)

SEVENTH INTERIM OPINION

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific) has, by this petition, requested that the Commission modify Decision (D.) 92603 dated January 21, 1981, to restate the requirement of Ordering Paragraph 4 which now provides that "Respondent telephone utilities shall identify the surcharge on each monthly bill, as required by law, by referencing the surcharge as follows: 'Pursuant to state law (Communications Devices for the Deaf)'."

Pacific states that another billing line will be required on the face of their bill for any additional entry, e.g., a Utility User Fee. The addition of another line would require adding a second page, at significant expense passed on to the general body of ratepayers, unless a present entry can be reduced to one line. The surcharge in question is the only item now occupying two lines.

Pacific recommends that the following wording, which will occupy only one line of fifty characters, be adopted:

"Per State Law--Communications Devices for the Deaf"

This modification does not alter the intent of the original provision of the order and we will adopt it. It does not appear that any significant inconvenience to other telephone companies will result. In order that the change may be effected without delay, this order should become effective today.

Findings of Fact

1. There is a need for minimizing the billing space occupied by the statement identifying the surcharge which funds the program providing communications devices for the deaf.
2. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The billing entry regarding the surcharge for communications devices for the deaf should be abbreviated to one line as described.

SEVENTH INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Ordering Paragraph 4 of D.92603 is modified to read as follows:

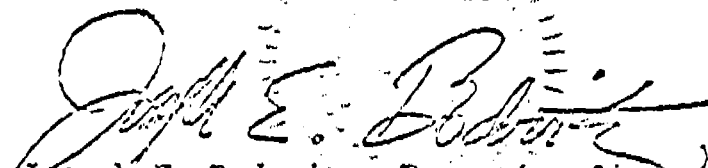
"4. Respondent telephone utilities shall identify the surcharge on each monthly bill, as required by law, by referencing the surcharge as follows: 'Per State Law--Communications Devices for the Deaf'."

This order is effective today.

Dated JUL 20 1983 at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.  
President  
VICTOR CALVO  
FRISCILLA C. GREW  
DONALD VIAL  
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY  
Commissioners

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

  
Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director