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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of HENDRIX ELECTRONICS, d.b.a.)	
CAL-COM RADIO TELEPHONE SERVICE,)	Application 60519
a California corporation, for a)	(Filed May 5, 1981)
certificate of public convenience)	
and necessity to extend its radio-)	
telephone utility system.)	

O P I N I O N

Applicant, Hendrix Electronics, Inc., dba Cal-Com Radio Telephone Service, a California corporation, has filed an application wherein it seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity, under Public Utilities Code Section 1001, permitting it to construct and operate an extension of its radiotelephone service in Blythe as well as El Centro.

Copies of the application were mailed to interested parties on May 5, 1981 and notice of the filing of the application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 8, 1981. No protests to the application have been received.

On December 29, 1980 applicant filed its application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for a construction permit to modify its public utility radiotelephone system to accomplish the extension proposed. By that application, applicant seeks authority to compatibly reuse frequencies 152.03 megahertz (MHz) and 152.09 MHz for manual mobile radiotelephone service in Blythe as well as El Centro. Antenna locations will be at 401 West Bernard Street, Blythe, California, operating on 72.22 MHz and 72.82 MHz,

and on Little Maria Mountain, 10 miles northeast of Blythe, California, on 75.42 MHz and 75.62 MHz, with control facilities at 175 South Spring Street, Blythe, California.

Applicant acquired the public utility assets of Chalfont Communications dedicated to radiotelephone service in and around El Centro as authorized by Decision 86199 dated December 31, 1976. At that time, frequencies 152.12 MHz and 454.20 MHz, with transmitter located at Black Mountain, and 152.03 MHz and 152.09 MHz, with transmitter located at Boulder Park, were licensed to applicant. Subsequently, applicant was authorized and licensed to operate on additional frequencies 152.24 MHz, 454.325 MHz, 454.050 MHz, and 454.150 MHz, the contours of which lie wholly or mainly within the service area contours of 152.12 MHz and 454.20 MHz. Applicant states that it provides reliable service on said frequencies without local calling capability to Blythe, California, and parts north, even though that community is outside the 37 dbu contours for those frequencies. By early 1980, these modifications of applicant's existing radiotelephone system permitted the addition of one-way paging service, two channels of automatic car telephone service, and one additional manual UHF channel.

Applicant alleges that because no additional VHF frequencies were available to it, many potential customers could not be served at all and that a waiting list was required during peak-use months. This creates a problem in that communications are vital in the surrounding agricultural valleys due to great distances that must be covered by those who come in to clear, plant, and harvest crops.

Basically, applicant proposes to establish a manually dispatched radiotelephone service with paging controlled by Cal-Com Answering Service in Blythe and maintained by Blythe Communications, also a division of applicant. The 152.03 MHz and 152.09 MHz frequencies can be reused in the Blythe area with absolutely no interference to Cal-Com, El Centro. They will provide local, 24-hour dispatch and take considerable pressure off the El Centro operation at otherwise crucial times. The subscriber equipment for each area will be totally compatible with that of the adjacent area. There is presently no manually dispatched, public utility radiotelephone service or voice paging in the Blythe area, except that which Cal-Com provides from El Centro. Applicant maintains a technical staff on call 24 hours a day that is fully qualified to service and maintain radiotelephone facilities if emergency maintenance or repair is required.

Based on surveys recently undertaken by applicant, it expects to add approximately 80 mobile and 40 paging units in its first full year of operation, with the addition of the proposed system. By the fifth full year of operation, it expects to have approximately 160 mobile and 100 paging units in use.

Applicant proposes to finance its construction and equipment costs through internally generated funds. Applicant's additional services will be furnished under its existing rates, charges, and tariffs.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant has the experience, operating personnel, equipment, and the financial ability to conduct the operation as proposed.
2. The public has need for the proposed radiotelephone utility services in the area of Blythe, California.

3. Public convenience and necessity require that applicant construct and operate an extension of its existing radiotelephone system in the El Centro area to serve the Blythe, California, area.

4. Applicant has filed an application with the FCC for a construction permit to modify its existing radiotelephone system, and that agency has granted approval of the authority requested on April 30, 1981 by ex parte order.

5. Applicant will furnish the proposed service under its existing rates, charges, and tariffs.

6. There is no opposition to granting applicant the authority sought.

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

Conclusions of Law

1. Applicant's present tariff schedules for its El Centro radiotelephone service should be made effective for service throughout the proposed service area.

2. Public convenience and necessity require that the requested authority should be issued. A public hearing is not necessary.

3. This order should be effective on the date signed because public convenience requires prompt commencement of the proposed service.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to applicant, Hendrix Electronics, Inc., a California corporation, authorizing it to construct and operate an extension of its public utility radiotelephone system located in El Centro and Blythe, California, as requested in the application.

2. Applicant shall file with this Commission copies of all annual reports made to the Federal Communications Commission.

3. Applicant shall file, within 30 days of the date of the authority is to become operational, tariffs containing the schedule of rates and charges applicable to its radiotelephone service in and around El Centro, California, as authorized by this Commission.

4. The certificate granted and the authority to render service under the current rates, charges, and tariffs used for applicant's El Centro radiotelephone service will expire if not exercised within one year after the effective date of this order.

This order is effective today.

Dated AUG 4 1981, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Bayne
President
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Commissioners