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Decision 97-07-040 July 16, 1997

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into
Implementation of the Recommendations of the
Commission's Telecommunications Infrastructure
Report.

194-02-001
(Filed February 3, 1994)

ORIGINAL

OPINION

Summary

In this order, we close an investigation because subsequent legislation and Commission proceedings resolve the issue addressed.

Discussion

In Investigation (I.) 94-02-001, the Commission explored how to fund its Schools and Libraries Information Technologies Grant Program (Program). The Program's goal was to provide additional funding for planning, training, and equipment to spur statewide development of advanced telecommunications technology throughout California's K through 12 school and library systems.

Subsequently, Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which allows schools to jumpstart technology development and receive discounts on phone service. (See 47 U.S.C. 254 (h)(1)(B).) The California Legislature had already required the Commission to reconsider its universal service policy. (AB 3643, 1994 Cal. Stats. 278.) Among the legislative mandates were that the Commission should create "incentives . . . to promote deployment of advanced telecommunications technology to all customer segments" and that schools should receive the benefits of new technology. In response to the mandate and new authority, the Commission in Decision (D.) 96-10-066 (Ordering Paragraph 10) decided that schools would receive a 50% discount on certain types of telecommunications services, subsidized by all telephone end users.

Therefore, because the issue addressed in I.94-02-001 was resolved in D.96-10-066, I.94-02-001 should be closed.

Finding of Fact

All matters to be addressed by this investigation have been resolved or addressed by legislation or other Commission decisions.

Conclusion of Law

This proceeding should be closed.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Investigation 94-02-001 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated July 16, 1997, at San Francisco, California.

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President

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