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Decision 97-09-106 September 24, 1997

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of One Step Billing, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Telecommunications Services within the State of California.

Application 97-05-037
(Filed May 8, 1997)

ORIGINAL

OPINION

On May 8, 1997, One Step Billing, Inc. (applicant) sought a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) pursuant to California Public Utilities Code § 1001 to operate as a telecommunications reseller providing 24-hour interLATA and intraLATA intrastate telephone service between points in California.¹

On June 12, 1997, applicant was notified by Administrative Law Judge ruling that it needed to provide additional information demonstrating it has a minimum of \$25,000 of cash or cash equivalent assets in order to complete its application.² On July 9, 1997, applicant supplemented its application with financial statements that again failed to demonstrate it has a minimum of \$25,000 of cash or cash equivalent assets that will be available for a period of at least 12 months to meet the firm's start-up expenses.

Based on the above, this application should be denied without prejudice for failure to demonstrate that it has the financial ability to provide the proposed service.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant filed its application on May 8, 1997.

¹ California is divided into ten Local Access and Transport Areas (LATAs) of various sizes, each containing numerous local telephone exchanges.

² This financial fitness requirement is described in D.91-10-041, 41 CPUC2d 505 at 520 (1991) and constitutes one of the two major criteria established by the Commission for determining whether a CPCN should be granted.

2. Applicant has failed to demonstrate that it has the financial ability to provide the proposed service.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be denied without prejudice.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Application 97-05-037 is denied without prejudice.
2. Application 97-05-037 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated September 24, 1997, at San Francisco, California.

JESSIE J. KNIGHT, JR.
HENRY M. DUQUE
JOSIAH L. NEEPER
RICHARD A. BILAS
Commissioners

President P. Gregory Conlon,
being necessarily absent, did not
participate.