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Decision 98-02-028 February 4, 1998

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of GTE Card Services Incorporated (U-5494-C) to Expand Its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Include Provisions of Facilities-Based Local Exchange Service Within the State of California.

Application 96-12-047
(Filed December 23, 1996)

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O P I N I O N

GTE Card Services, Incorporated (applicant) filed the instant application for approval for its expansion into facilities-based local exchange service in the territories of Pacific Bell and GTE California Incorporated (GTEC). The application was not protested. In Decision (D.) 97-11-028, applicant was granted such authority only in Pacific Bell's service territory. The application was remanded to the assigned Administrative Law Judge in order to receive comments on the effects that the entry of applicant on a facilities-based basis into GTEC's territory would have on GTEC.

Applicant filed a motion to withdraw the remaining portion of the instant application on December 17, 1997.

The motion to withdraw the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Upon written request of the applicant, that portion of the application concerning entry into the territory of GTE California Incorporated shall be deemed withdrawn.

A.96-12-047 ALJ/ANW/sid

2. Application 96-12-047 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated February 4, 1998, at San Francisco, California.

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