

Decision 99-04-076**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of The Free Network, L.L.C., a Michigan Limited Liability Company, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide InterLATA and IntraLATA Telecommunications Service in California as a Switchless Reseller.

Application 99-03-038
(Filed March 18, 1999)

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O P I N I O N

The Free Network, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, filed an application on March 18, 1999, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide inter- and intra- local access and transport area services in California as a non-dominant interexchange carrier. This application was filed pursuant to the registration process adopted in Decision (D.) 97-06-107 and related decisions.

The applicant was qualified to use the registration process and complied with the filing requirements for a registration application; there were no protests to the application; and the draft tariffs submitted were not rejected by the Commission's Telecommunications Division. Therefore, pursuant to the authority granted to the Executive Director by D.97-08-050, the applicant should be granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide this service.

Findings of Fact

1. The application was filed on March 18, 1999, and appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on March 24, 1999.
2. There were no timely protests to the application.
3. The draft tariffs were not rejected by the Commission's Telecommunications Division.

Conclusion of Law

Applicant should be granted the requested certificate of public convenience and necessity subject to the conditions in the attached appendix.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to The Free Network, L.L.C. to operate as a switchless reseller of inter-Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) and, to the extent authorized by Decision 94-09-065, intra-LATA telecommunications services offered by communication common carriers in California subject to the conditions set forth in the attached appendix. Applicant is assigned corporate identification number U-6151-C, which shall be included in the caption of all filings made with this Commission.
2. Application 99-03-038 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated April 26, 1999, at San Francisco, California.


WESLEY M. FRANKLIN
Executive Director