

Decision 99-05-035 May 13, 1999

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.

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

ORDER MODIFYING DECISION 97-11-028

Summary

This order grants, with limitation, GTE Communications Corporation's (Petitioner)¹ request that the Commission modify Decision (D.) 97-11-028 to authorize Petitioner to provide interLATA and intraLATA telecommunications services (Interexchange Services) as a facilities-based carrier throughout California.² Petitioner is not authorized to construct intraLATA transmission and end-office switching facilities in GTE California Incorporated's (GTEC) franchise territory without further Commission approval.

¹ On October 31, 1997, Petitioner formally notified the Commission that it had changed its name from GTE Card Services Incorporated.

² "LATA" is an acronym for Local Access and Transport Area. With divestiture of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in 1984, the territorial United States was divided into 163 geographic units or LATAs, which in turn were divided among the 22 Bell operating companies created in the divestiture. Telephone calls between LATAs are called interLATA calls. Telephone calls within a LATA are called local exchange calls or intraLATA toll calls (when a toll is assessed).