

Decision 99-06-008 June 3, 1999

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the rules, practices, and procedures of all telephone corporations, as listed in Appendix A attached to the O.I.I., concerning disclosure of non-published telephone numbers and other subscriber information.

Investigation 84-10-009  
(Filed October 3, 1984)

**O P I N I O N**

This investigation was initiated more than 14 years ago to consider certain issues related to the confidentiality and disclosure of nonpublished telephone numbers and other subscriber information, including the impacts of a then recent California Supreme Court decision, People v. Chapman, et al. (36 Cal. 3d 98 (1984)). All telecommunications carriers at that time were made respondents.

Since its initiation, the only activity that occurred in this docket was the filing of responses and comments by various telecommunications carriers and Los Angeles County and the conduct of a prehearing conference in February 1984 and the filing of briefs in May and June 1985. Other parties including Toward Utility Rate Normalization, the United States Department of Justice, and the Commission staff participated.

It is clear that while the general subject matter of this investigation may remain of interest and concern, the proceeding itself has been superceded by many subsequent events, including legislation, and dramatic changes in the telecommunications industry since that time.

A letter was sent to all appearances by the Chief Administrative Law Judge inquiring whether in light of the long period of inactivity in this proceeding and these subsequent events there was any need to continue this docket. It indicated that absent affirmative responses, a recommendation would be made to close the docket as moot. No responses were received.

Therefore, it is appropriate that this matter be closed.

### **Waiver of Comment Period**

This is an uncontested matter in which the decision outcome has been concurred in by the parties. Accordingly, pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

### **Findings of Fact**

1. This matter was instituted more than 14 years ago.
2. The only record consists of the order instituting the investigation, initial comments from some telecommunications carriers, and a prehearing conference transcript.
3. The subject matter of this investigation has been superceded by subsequent activities.

### **Conclusion of Law**

This proceeding is moot and should be closed.

**O R D E R**

**IT IS ORDERED** that Investigation 84-10-009 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated June 3, 1999, at San Francisco, California.

RICHARD A. BILAS  
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