

Decision 99-09-018 September 2, 1999

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion into Competition for Local Exchange Service.

Rulemaking 95-04-043
(Filed April 26, 1995)

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into Competition for Local Exchange Service.

Investigation 95-04-044
(Filed April 26, 1995)

ORDER EXTENDING CONFIDENTIALITY PROTECTION

Ameritech Communications International, Inc. (Ameritech), by its attorney and pursuant to Rules of Practice and Procedure 47, filed a "Petition for Modification" on December 18, 1998, for an order extending for an additional one-year period the General Order (GO) 66-C protection afforded Ameritech's Estimated Customer Base, Exhibit 6 to its Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to offer facilities-based local telecommunications services. As indicated in Decision (D.) 97-12-084, Ameritech's Exhibit 6 was afforded confidential treatment under GO 66-C for a one-year period. (See Ordering Paragraph 20 at p. 10.) That one-year period was to terminate on or about December 16, 1998.

Ameritech continues to believe that disclosure of this information would require it to reveal highly valuable commercial information which Ameritech considers confidential, proprietary and a trade secret. Specifically, the noted document contains proprietary business information concerning Ameritech's proposed operations for its first and fifth year of operations.

Ameritech has used its best efforts to keep and maintain the information in the above-referenced document secret. If this information were to be disclosed or released to the public, competitors would find it of great economic value in determining their own business plans and could use such information to Ameritech's detriment.

For the above reasons, Ameritech respectfully requests that the Commission modify Ordering Paragraph 20 of D.97-12-084 and extend the confidential protection awarded Exhibit 6 for an additional one-year period.

Uncontested Decision Grants Relief Requested

This is an uncontested matter in which the decision grants the relief requested. 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. Ameritech was afforded confidential treatment of its Exhibit 6 under GO 66-C for a period of one year pursuant to D.97-12-084.
2. No party has contested Ameritech's Petition to extend the GO 66-C protection for an additional year.

Conclusion of Law

The requested extension of GO 66-C protection for Ameritech's Exhibit 6 is reasonable and should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that the requested extension of one year for the General Order 66-C confidential protection of Exhibit 6 filed by Ameritech Communications International, Inc. is hereby granted.

This order is effective today.

Dated September 2, 1999, at San Francisco, California.

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Commissioners