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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation into)
the rates, charges, and practices)
of local exchange carriers in)
California.)

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
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ORDER INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION

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Four interexchange carriers (IECs) seek authority to provide intrastate, interLATA information services using the 900 area code ("900 service"). US Telecom, Inc., doing business as Sprint Services, filed Application (A.) 89-09-012 on September 11, 1989 for authority to provide 900 services; AT&T Communications of California, Inc. filed A.89-10-019 on October 6, 1989; MCI Telecommunications Corporation filed A.89-11-020 on November 20, 1989; and Telephere Network, Inc. filed advice letters on November 6 and 17, 1989, with an investigation undertaken by Order of Investigation and Suspension Case (C.) 89-11-020 of this Commission on November 22, 1989 to determine if the advice letters are unreasonable or unlawful in any respect.

Without prejudging the issues which may arise in A.89-09-012, A.89-10-019, A.89-11-019, and C.89-11-020, we institute this investigation so we have a procedural forum and vehicle to fully act on revenue requirements, rates, practices, and other aspects of local exchange carrier operations which relate to the authority requested in A.89-09-012, A.89-10-019, A.89-11-019, and C.89-11-020. In particular, we may need to order LECs to provide certain services or arrangements to permit IECs to conform with conditions we order on their offering of service. The opening of such investigatory proceeding, for consolidation with other matters, is customary when issues raised by one utility may impact other utilities. Access to local exchange carrier facilities by

IECS for the provision of 900 services may be an issue in A.89-09-012, A.89-10-019, A.89-11-019, and C.89-11-020. It is appropriate, in order to fully use the record when considering whether to grant the requested authority, to consolidate this investigation with the other proceedings. The evidentiary record developed in A.89-09-012, A.89-10-019, A.89-11-019, and C.89-11-020 and in this OII, taken together, shall be the common record to support any findings or orders in connection with this investigation.

Accordingly, and on authority of Public Utilities Code Section 729, we will institute an investigation into the rates, charges and practices of local exchange carriers in California. This investigation will be consolidated with A.89-09-012, A.89-10-019, A.89-11-019, and C.89-11-020 for hearing and decision in each proceeding.

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 729, we hereby institute an investigation into the rates, charges, and practices of local exchange carriers in California which relate to the request by certain interexchange carriers for authority to provide 900 services.
2. Each local exchange carrier in California under our jurisdiction is hereby named as respondent.
3. This investigation is consolidated with A.89-09-012, A.89-10-019, A.89-11-019, and C.89-11-020 and the record in these proceedings will form the basis of the Commission's investigation.
4. Comments respondents wish to file beyond those already in the records in A.89-09-012, A.89-10-019, A.89-11-019, and C.89-11-020 must be filed by January 4, 1991, with copies served on all respondents to this OII and parties to A.89-09-012, A.89-10-019, A.89-11-019, and C.89-11-020.

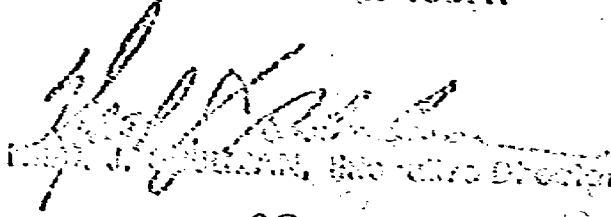
5. The Executive Director is directed to cause a certified copy of this order to be served by mail on each local exchange carrier in California, and each party of record in A.89-09-012, A.89-10-019, A.89-11-019, and C.89-11-020.

This order is effective today.

Dated December 19, 1990, at San Francisco, California.

G. MITCHELL WILK
President
FREDERICK R. DUDA
STANLEY W. HULETT
JOHN B. OHANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY


JOHN B. OHANIAN, Executive Director
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