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RESOLUTION NO. T-11028

EVALUATION AND COMPLIANCE
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DATE: April 16, 1986

RESOLUTION

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SUBJECT: West Coast Telephone Company. Order authorizing the extension of the withdrawal of two-and four-party services until January 1, 1988. Resolution No. T-11028.

WHEREAS: WEST COAST TELEPHONE COMPANY, by Advice Letter No. 287 filed March 17, 1986, requests authority under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to defer the withdrawal of the two-and four-party services within its base rate areas and two-party service outside its base rate areas until January 1, 1988.

West Coast provides services to about 3000 customers in four exchanges; Crescent City, Smith River and Klamath exchanges in Del Norte County and Orick exchange in Humboldt County. About 300 customers subscribe to two- and four-party services.

By Resolution T-10866, dated September 6, 1984, the Commission ordered West Coast Telephone Company to limit its two- and four-party services within the base rate areas and two-party service outside the base rate areas to existing customers. The Resolution also ordered the withdrawal of all two- and four-party services no later than January 1, 1986. The rationale for this condition was to allow West Coast sufficient time to install facilities necessary to upgrade all party-lines to one-party.

By this Advice Letter West Coast requests to defer the withdrawal of its two- and four-party services until January 1, 1988. West Coast states that the economy in its serving areas is depressed, the unemployment rate is as high as 20 percent, and growth has been slow. Based on its investigation, staff concurs with West Coast. The withdrawal of all party-line services at this time will result in an economic burden to the fixed and low income customers.

The Commission finds the proposed tariff revisions to be reasonable and justified; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that authority is granted to make the above extension by Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California No. T-11028.

The effective date of this Resolution is today.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, held on April 16, 1986, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

DONALD VIAL
President
VICTOR CALVO
FRISSELLA C. GREW
FREDERICK R. DUDA
Commissioners


Executive Director