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RESOLUTION NO. T-11077

EVALUATION AND COMPLIANCE  
DIVISION

DATE: November 5, 1986

RESOLUTION

Director  
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Accounting Officer

SUBJECT: Bay Area Cellular Telephone Company (U-3007-C). Order authorizing the introduction of credit card roamer service in the San Francisco-San Jose area, on less than statutory notice. Resolution No. T-11077.

WHEREAS: BAY AREA CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY, by Advice Letter No. 7, filed October 24, 1986, requests authority under Section 491 of the Public Utilities Code to make effective on less than statutory notice the following tariff revisions:

To provide credit card roamer cellular radiotelephone service within Bay Area's cellular service area.

The usual arrangement for "automatic" roamer service requires that the "home" cellular system, with which the roamer customer is a subscriber, have an inter-carrier agreement with Bay Area Cellular Telephone Company (BACTC). In that manner, payment of rates and charges can be assured to BACTC.

The proposed arrangement provides that the roamer customer would contact a BACTC customer representative locally and arrange for billing by use of a credit card, e.g., VISA, Master Card, etc. This procedure has evident advantages in flexibility and lesser delay in set-up.

BACTC requests an effective date of November 10, 1986, for this offering, which is less than statutory notice. BACTC wishes to be able to provide this offering in response to inquiries from a large number of prospective roamer users who will be in attendance at the "Cellular Communications '86" marketing conference, will convene in San Francisco starting November 11, 1986. BACTC has not, in the time subsequent to its initiation of service, had adequate opportunity to effect roaming inter-carrier agreements with the multitude of cellular carriers whose customers will be in attendance.

The offering of credit card roamer service does not in itself require Commission authorization as it is a new offering not increasing any rate, per Section 455 of the Public Utilities Code. The effectiveness on less than statutory notice requires Commission approval.

The Commission finds that the public interest requires the availability of this offering on less than statutory notice and concludes that the request of BACTC should be granted.

This matter did not appear on the public agenda as required by the Government Code; however, since there is an urgent need for this service beginning November 10, 1986, which is earlier than the next regular commission meeting, a sufficient emergency exists to justify our action today under PU Code Section 306(b). Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

(1) Authority is granted, pursuant to Section 491 of the PU Code, to make the above revisions effective on November 10, 1986, which is less than statutory notice.

(2) Schedule Cal. PUC No. 5-T, 1st Revised Sheet No. 4 and 1st Revised Sheet No. 5 shall be marked to show that such sheets were authorized by Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California No. T-11077.

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 November 5, 1986, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

DONALD VIAL  
President  
VICTOR CALVO  
FREDERICK R. DUDA  
STANLEY W. HULETT  
Commissioners

  
Executive Director