

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EVALUATION & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Telecommunications BranchRESOLUTION NO. T-12039
July 29, 1987R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION NO. T-12039. PAGING NETWORK OF LOS ANGELES, INC.,
(U-2083-C). ORDER AUTHORIZING A LATE PAYMENT CHARGE.
ADVICE LETTER NO. 8, FILED June 15, 1987.

SUMMARY

Paging Network of Los Angeles, Inc. (Pagenet) has not previously had a tariff provision providing for a late charge for delinquent payment of bills. This filing establishes a late charge of 1-1/2% per month. Approval is recommended.

BACKGROUND

The radio paging industry in Los Angeles is highly competitive. One result of this is a trend toward uniformity in "standard" tariff provisions such as late charges, as this serves as a deterrent to "churning", wherein customers move from one utility to another seeking less stringent terms. Late payment is also an additional and unwanted cost to the utility, and a late charge serves as a deterrent.

DISCUSSION

The proposed charge is identical to that adopted by most other radiotelephone utilities having such a tariff provision. No appreciable revenue effect is expected, as the charge will primarily discourage late payment. Competition in the Los Angeles paging market is manifested in competitive rate structures, variety in service plans, speed of transmission, differing service areas, and diversity in offerings such as numeric and alphanumeric display paging, as examples.

FINDING

The proposed late charge is reasonable.

The Commission finds that the rates, charges and conditions authorized in this Resolution are just and reasonable and present rates, charges and conditions, as they differ from the rates, charges and conditions authorized in this Resolution are for the future unjust and unreasonable; and good cause appearing,

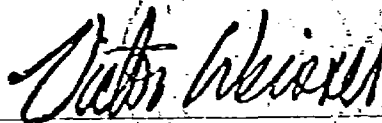
IT IS ORDERED that:

(1) Paging Network of Los Angeles, Inc., Revised Cal. PUC Sheet No. 73-T shall be marked to show that it was authorized by Resolution No. T-12039.

(2) The effective date of Revised Cal PUC Sheet No. 73-T is July 29, 1987.

The effective date of this resolution is today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on July 29, 1987. The following Commissioners approved it:



Executive Director

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