

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Telecommunications Branch

RESOLUTION NO. T-13012
August 24, 1988

R E S O L U T I O N

CITIZENS UTILITIES COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA. ORDER AUTHORIZING
LIMITATION OF TWO-PARTY AND FOUR-PARTY SERVICE TO EXISTING
CUSTOMERS IN EXISTING LOCATIONS.

SUMMARY

By Advice Letter No. 446, filed July 11, 1988, Citizens Utilities Company of California (Citizens) seeks authority to limit two-party and suburban four-party service. Residential two and four-party and business suburban four-party service will be limited to existing customers at existing locations.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) "Second Computer Inquiry" mandated that party-line customer premises equipment (CPE) be detariffed like other CPE. Decision 85-12-019, dated December 4, 1985, ordered detariffing of party-line CPE by December 31, 1987, except for Citizens. This decision requested a waiver from the FCC for Citizens to be able to provide party-line CPE in California until December 31, 1990. The FCC granted this waiver by a letter dated January 30, 1986.

DISCUSSION

By the end of 1990, Citizens' multi-party customers will own their equipment. However, a multi-party telephone customer is precluded from purchasing a telephone set of his/her choice. Multi-party telephones require a special setting of the ringer frequency for the customers to receive their respective calls and for the company to bill the customer for their respective toll calls. The setting of ringer frequency is controlled by the utility.

Presently, Citizens has 1,400 two-party residential customers, 2,350 four-party residential customers, and 110 four-party business customers. Multi-party customers have been declining over the past few years and by limiting two and four-party service to existing customers at this time, Citizens will be able to detariff embedded multi-party CPE by 1990.

A notice dated July 7, 1988, was mailed to all customers informing them of this change. To date, no protest has been received.

FINDINGS

Limiting the provision of two and four-party residential and business service to existing customers at existing locations is reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED that:

(1) Authority is granted to limit two-party residential service and residential and business suburban four-party service to existing customers at existing locations effective August 25, 1988.

(2) All tariff sheets filed under Advice Letter No. 446 shall be marked to show such sheets were authorized by Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission for the State of California Resolution No. T-13012.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on August 24, 1988. The following Commissioners approved it:

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