

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION RESOLUTION T-13023
Telecommunications Branch September 28, 1988

R E S O L U T I O N

APPROVAL PROCESS FOR THE 1989 BUDGET OF THE DEAF AND
DISABLED TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMS PROVIDED PURSUANT
TO PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE 2881 AND FOLLOWING.

SUMMARY

By this resolution, the Commission orders the DEAF Trust Administrative Committee (Committee) of the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Programs to submit to the Commission a proposed budget for 1989.

BACKGROUND

The Commission opened I.87-11-031 in order to review numerous issues relating to the administration of its program to provide telecommunications services to the deaf and disabled. Among the issues under consideration is methods for assuring appropriate use of funds supporting the program.

On September 6, 1988, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) filed with the Commission a motion to adopt a settlement reached by parties to I.87-11-031. The settlement would, among other things, require the Commission's approval of future program budgets submitted to the Committee. In the past, program budgets have been approved by the Committee.

DISCUSSION

The settlement filed by DRA will not be the subject of a Commission order by the end of 1988. The Commission agrees, however, that Commission approval of the program budget for the DEAF Trust Fund will promote effective use of program funds. It will also provide an avenue by which interested parties may comment on budget proposals. Accordingly, the Commission should review and approve the 1989 program budget.

The parties to the settlement have agreed in workshops that the Commission should review and approve the 1989 budget, so no protest to the adoption of this procedure is expected.

FINDINGS

1. Commission review and approval of the 1989 program budget for the Commission's Deaf and Disabled telecommunications programs would assure appropriate use of program funds, and would provide an avenue for interested parties to comment on the proposed budget.
2. The Executive Director should notify the DEAF Trust Administrative Committee that it shall submit to the Commission a program budget proposal for 1989.
3. The Commission's Advisory and Compliance Division should review the 1989 program budget following a workshop with all interested parties.

IT IS ORDERED THAT

- 1) The DEAF Trust Administrative Committee shall submit to the Commission on or before October 14, 1988, a program budget proposal for 1989, and shall serve copies of its proposed budget on all parties to I.87-11-031.
- 2) The Commission's Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD) shall hold workshops to consider the budget proposal. CACD shall prepare a Resolution for the Commission's December 9, 1988, Conference stating its recommendations for the proposed 1989 budget.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on September 28, 1988. The following Commissioners approved it:

STANLEY W. HULETT
President
DONALD VIAL
FREDERICK R. DUDA
G. MITCHELL WILK
JOHN B. OHANIAN
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Executive Director