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COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Telecommunications Branch

RESOLUTION NO. T-13045
February 8, 1989

R E S O L U T I O N

ALL LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES (LECS). ORDER REQUIRING ALL LECS TO FILE REVISED TARIFF SCHEDULES TO REFLECT THE ADJUSTMENT IN THE INCOME LIMITATION REQUIREMENT APPLICABLE TO UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE. RESOLUTION NO. T-13045.

SUMMARY

Section 3.1.1.1 of General Order 153 requires the Commission to adjust the income limitation requirement applicable to Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) by February 15 of each year. This adjustment reflects inflation based on the Federal Consumer Price Index -- Urban Areas (CPI-U).

BACKGROUND

The current income limitation requirement from March 8, 1988 through March 7, 1989, is as follows:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limitation</u>
1 - 2	\$12,500
3	14,600
4	17,600
5	20,600
6	23,600
7	26,600

(For each additional member, add \$3,000)

DISCUSSION

The latest data available from the December 1988 Data Review of the U.S. Economy shows that the percentage rate change in the 1988 calendar year for the U.S. City average, CPI-U, is 4.1 percent. Therefore, the new income limitation requirement in effect from March 8, 1989 through March 7, 1990 is as follows:

Household Size

Income Limitation

1 - 2	\$13,000
3	15,200
4	18,300
5	21,400
6	24,500
7	27,600

(For each additional member, add \$3,100)

Under authority of G.O. 153, the income claimed by customers in applications for Universal Lifeline Telephone Service is subject to verification, at any time by the serving telephone utility or by the Commission and its staff. If it is found that the income claimed by a lifeline customer exceeds the income limitation specified above, back billing at full tariff rates will be assessed.

FINDINGS

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) All Local Exchange Companies shall file revised tariff schedules increasing the income limitation requirement applicable to Universal Lifeline Telephone Service as specified in this resolution by February 24, 1989, and these revised tariff schedules shall be effective from March 8, 1989 through March 7, 1990.

(2) All tariff sheets filed under the authority granted by this resolution shall be marked to show that such sheets were authorized by Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California No. T-13045.

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 February 8, 1989. The following Commissioners approved it:

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