

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Telecommunications Branch
 Commission Advisory and Compliance Division

RESOLUTION T-14149
 September 25, 1990

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION T-14149. AALERT PAGING COMPANY OF SACRAMENTO (U-2084-C), AALERT PAGING COMPANY OF SAN DIEGO (U-2086-C), AALERT PAGING COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO (U-2085-C). REQUEST AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A SURCHARGE FOR EXCESSIVE CALL USAGE IN EACH UTILITY'S CERTIFICATED SERVICE AREAS.

BY ADVICE LETTER Nos. 9, 12, and 11 respectively; FILED ON August 6, 1990.

SUMMARY

This Resolution authorizes Aalert Paging Company of Sacramento, Aalert Paging Company of San Diego, and Aalert Paging Company of San Francisco (Aalert) to implement a Disproportionate Use rate charge for one-way paging services in each's certificated service area. These rates will be applied to all subscribers, except those who use their pagers in or for public emergencies, for public health or public safety purposes, or in the medical profession.

BACKGROUND

Presently, AAlert offers measured service paging and unlimited paging services. The new tariffs are structured in relation to the disproportionate use in each utility's service area. The excessive uses charges are:

<u>Utility</u>	<u>Message Units</u>	<u>Additional Charge per Message</u>
AAlert Sacramento	500 - 700	\$0.10 per message
	701 - 900	0.15
	901 +	0.25
AAlert San Francisco	500 - 1000	\$0.10 per message
	1,001 +	1.00
AAlert San Diego	500 +	\$0.25 per message

These charges will not apply to subscribers who use their pagers in or for public emergencies, for public health or public safety purposes, or in the medical profession.

PROTEST

No protests were received.

DISCUSSION

AAlert requests this change in rate structure (Disproportionate Use) because it believes that the average paging user subsidizes the disproportionate user of its services. AAlert also claims that implementation of these charges is aimed at discouraging the use of paging facilities for possible illegal activities, such as drug trafficking.

AAlert estimates the number of affected subscribers will be insignificant. AAlert Sacramento states that less than 0.001% of its total users are disproportionate users; AAlert San Francisco estimates that 0.01% fall in the 500 - 1000 range, and 0.002% fall in the 1,001 + range; AAlert San Diego states that 0.02% of its total users are disproportionate users.

Since the number of affected customers is insignificant, AAlert expects that any increase in its revenues will also be insignificant. The utilities also feel that any increase in revenues will compensate for the possible loss of those services where impact is affected. As required by Commission General Order 96-A, Section III-G, AAlert notified all paging service subscribers affected by the new rate structure.

FINDINGS

1. AAlert proposes to charge for disproportionate use of its one-way paging services.
2. Exception will be made for subscribers who use the service in public emergencies, for public health and safety purposes, and the medical profession.
3. The increase in revenues from the proposed change is insignificant.
4. One-way paging service is competitive and subscribers have a choice of competing offers of measured and unlimited services.
5. The proposed charges by AAlert for disproportionate use of its one-way paging services are reasonable.

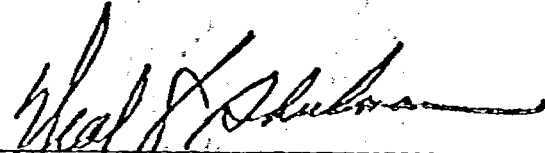
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

Advice Letter No. 12 of AAlert Paging Company of San Diego (U-2086-C); Advice Letter No. 11 of AAlert Paging Company of San Francisco (U-2085-C); and Advice Letter No. 9 of AAlert Paging Company of Sacramento (U-2084); filed August 6, 1990, be made effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on September 25, 1990. The following Commissioners approved it:

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President
FREDERICK R. DUDA
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Commissioner John B. Ohanian,
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.



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