

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Commission Advisory & Compliance Division RESOLUTION T-14313
Telecommunications Branch Date February 21, 1991

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION T-14313, PACIFIC BELL (U-1001-C), REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO DISCONTINUE THE TARIFF OFFERING CONFERENCE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER "SHARED NETWORK FACILITIES AGREEMENT" CONTRACT (SNFA).

BY ADVICE LETTER No. 15837 FILED ON NOVEMBER 9, 1990.

SUMMARY

This resolution approves Pacific Bell's request to discontinue the tariff offering Conference Services, under the Shared Network Facilities Agreement (SNFA) between AT&T Communications of California Inc. (AT&T) and Pacific Bell (Pacific). There were no protests of this advice letter by any interested parties.

BACKGROUND

Advice Letter No. 15837 was filed by Pacific seeking authorization to discontinue the provision of Conference Services. This service is provided under a joint agreement between Pacific and AT&T, known as the Shared Network Facilities Agreement (SNFA) and initiated in 1984. Within the guidelines of the Agreement, AT&T provides the facilities which Pacific uses to offer intraLATA conference services.

On April 30, 1990, Pacific sent AT&T its primary notification of its intention to terminate the SNFA. Pacific, in Advice Letter No. 15837 on November 9, 1990, requested authority to discontinue its tariff offering Conference Services, provided under the SNFA.

Commission Decision (D.) 90-12-084 (December 19, 1990) granted AT&T a certificate of public convenience and necessity to directly provide intraLATA operator-handled conference service within Pacific's service territory. This grant of authority was effective on January 1, 1991, and effectively allows Pacific to discontinue its SNFA relationship with AT&T.

All interested parties have been notified. Pacific reports that no complaints or objections were received.

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PROTESTS

The Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD) has received no protests.

DISCUSSION

Pacific's filing seeks Commission authority to discontinue the tariff offering Conference Services. Pacific states that it seeks to withdraw from the SNFA due to the high annual cost of providing the service and a relatively lower annual revenue realized from the project. Pacific has explored two alternatives: contracting of conference services and providing the service itself. Both of these options were not feasible from Pacific's viewpoint.

On the other hand, AT&T has been willing to offer the service and thereby provide an alternative for Pacific's withdrawal from the SNFA. It filed Application 90-08-038 dated August 19, 1990, for this purpose. Decision 90-12-084 granted AT&T authority to provide intraLATA conference service. In light of Decision 90-12-084, Pacific's request is reasonable, will not increase rates, cause schedule conflict or create undue customer inconvenience.

FINDINGS

1. Pacific states that it is not able to maintain intraLATA Conference Services within its service area due to the high annual cost of providing the service and low annual revenue.
2. Pacific notified all interested parties. It reports that it received no complaints or objections. Also, no protests to Advice Letter No. 15837 were received by CACD.
3. Decision 90-12-084 granted AT&T permission to provide intraLATA Conference Services within Pacific's service territory, thereby allowing Pacific to withdraw from the Shared Network Facilities Agreement. Pacific's request should be granted.

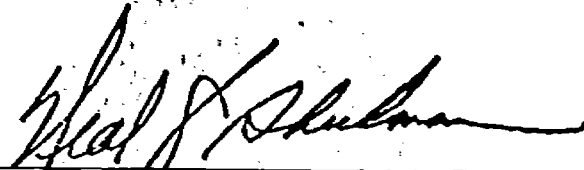
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The request by Pacific Bell in Advice Letter No. 15837 to discontinue the tariff offering intraLATA Conference Services is authorized.
2. Advice Letter No. 15837 and accompanying tariff sheets Schedule Cal.P.U.C. No. A6 should be authorized by this resolution.
3. This resolution is effective today.

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I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on February 21, 1991. The following Commissioners approved it:



NEAL J. SHULMAN
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PATRICIA M. ECKERT
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G. MITCHELL WILK
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Commissioners

I abstain.
DANIEL WM. FESSLER
Commissioner

I abstain.
NORMAN D. SHUNWAY
Commissioner