

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION RESOLUTION T-14332
Telecommunications Branch March 22, 1991R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION T-14332. PACIFIC BELL REQUEST TO REVISE SCHEDULE 175-T TO CHARGE INTEREXCHANGE CARRIERS LOCAL TRANSPORT RATES FOR SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE TO RADIO COMMON CARRIERS THAT USE TYPE 2A INTERCONNECTIONS.

BY ADVICE LETTER 15854, FILED ON DECEMBER 14, 1990.
SUPPLEMENT NO. 15854A, FILED ON JANUARY 23, 1991, AND
SUPPLEMENT NO. 15854B, FILED ON FEBRUARY 7, 1991.

SUMMARY

Pacific Bell (Pacific) currently provides service for Radio Common Carriers through a "Type 2A" interconnection to an access tandem, in order to provide suitable access to interexchange carriers. Pacific does not now explicitly tariff this access service in its Schedule 175-T, but requests to do so in the future through this advice letter.

BACKGROUND

Among the customers of interexchange carriers (IECs) are Radio Common Carriers (RCCs). Cellular Carriers and Radio Telephone Utilities are called RCCs in the federal tariffs and in Pacific's proposed revised tariff pages for Schedule 175-T (access service between Pacific and IECs). RCCs provide public radio/mobile service, which is regulated by this Commission. The "Type 2A" interconnection is a direct trunk connection that can be requested between Pacific's wire center (serving the RCC's switch) and Pacific's access tandem. Pacific is equipped to and presently does serve "Type 2A" interconnections with switched access, and in Advice Letter No. 15854 it requests to specify in Schedule 175-T that it will charge IECs Local Transport rates (as currently tarified) for this service. Local Transport rates are found in Schedule 175-T Section 6.8.2.

Local Transport mileage will be measured and billed using the V&H (vertical and horizontal) coordinates and methodology contained in Schedule 175-T Section 6.7.13. Common Carrier Line Charges (Schedule 175-T Section 3.8) will not apply.

There is an exception to this procedure. Feature Groups B, C, and D may have Switched Access Service to an access tandem which

is directly connected to an RCC through a "Type 2A" interconnection. In that case, Local Transport rates will not apply but Common Carrier Line Charges in Schedule 175-T Section 3.8 will continue to apply to IECs.

PROTESTS

Notice of this Advice Letter was published in the Commission calendar on December 18, 1990. The Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD) has received no protests to Advice Letter No. 15854 or its Supplements A and B.

DISCUSSION

Pacific states that there would be no increase in rates for end-users due to this change in Schedule 175-T. There would, however, be an increase in revenue of about \$525,000. This increased revenue would come from IECs who are currently sending RCC interlata, intrastate traffic to Pacific's access tandem, but are not being charged Local Transport rates for that service. Pacific also states that it arguably could charge the IECs the \$525,000 now, but has not done so because the tariff is not explicit about the ratability of this service and technology. Pacific states that it will incur no additional expense as a result of this tariff revision because the necessary equipment to provide RCCs with "Type 2A" access to IECs is already in place.

The "Type 2A" interconnection is a fairly new and expensive piece of equipment which so far only the largest RCCs have installed. Pacific states that it has distributed this Advice Letter to the largest IECs, and they understand the reason for Pacific's request and do not object. Pacific has not discussed this issue with smaller IECs and believes that it is unlikely any of them will soon become involved; however, they were served with copies of Advice Letter No. 15854. Pacific also states that RCCs are not affected by this Advice Letter. Any new or increased rates/charges initiated by IECs to RCCs or their customers should be noticed in accordance with General Order (G.O.) 96-A and D. 90-08-032.

We conclude that this revision of Schedule 175-T represents a rate increase because it charges IEC customers for services that were previously either free or undercharged. Authorization by the Commission is necessary, in accordance with G.O. 96-A Section VI. Application of its existing access rates, charges, and methodology to the RCCs' "Type 2A" interconnection access service currently provided to IECs appears to be reasonable.

FINDINGS

1. Pacific is equipped to and presently does serve RCCs "Type 2A" interconnections with switched access.
2. Carrier Common Line charges (Schedule 175-T Section 3.8) will continue to apply to IECs which use Feature Groups B, C, and D switched access service to an access tandem that is

directly connected to an RCC using "Type 2A" interconnection, when Pacific does not provide end office local switching functions.

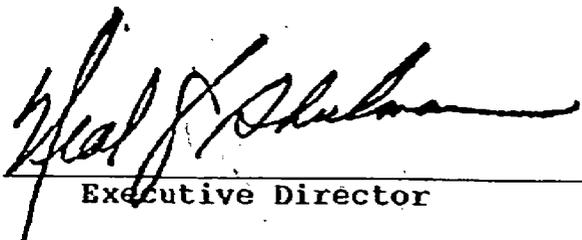
3. The CACD received no protests to Advice Letter No. 15854.
4. Any new or increased rates or charges for RCCs initiated by IECs should be noticed in accordance with G.O. 96-A and D. 90-08-032.
5. This revision of Schedule 175-T represents a rate increase for IEC customers.
6. The rates, charges, terms and conditions in Advice Letter No. 15854 are reasonable.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Pacific Bell's request in Advice Letter 15854 for authority to charge local transport rates to interexchange carriers for Access Service provided in conjunction with an Radio Common Carrier using a "Type 2A" interconnection is authorized.
2. Advice Letter No. 15854 and the accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were authorized by Resolution 14332, effective on the effective date of this Resolution.
3. This resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on March 22, 1991. The following Commissioners approved it:

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