

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Telecommunications Branch
Commission Advisory and Compliance Division

RESOLUTION T-14374
Date April 24, 1991

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION T-14374. PAGING NETWORK OF SAN FRANCISCO, INC. REQUEST AUTHORITY TO WITHDRAW ITS TWO-WAY MOBILE RADIOTELEPHONE SERVICE.

BY ADVICE LETTER No. 66, FILED ON JANUARY 25, 1991.

SUMMARY

This resolution authorizes Paging Network of San Francisco, Inc. (PageNet/utility) to withdraw its two-way mobile radiotelephone service. There are no subscribers to this service and PageNet finds it uneconomical to continue to provide this service without the benefit of recovering costs. Alternative providers of two-way mobile radiotelephone service, namely cellular radiotelephone service, exist for those potential customers in PageNet's service area who wish to receive two-way mobile radiotelephone service. No protests were received.

BACKGROUND

PageNet is a radiotelephone utility (RTU) that provides one-way and two-way mobile radiotelephone service. The utility filed Advice Letter No. 66 with the Telecommunications Branch of the Commission's Advisory and Compliance Division on January 25, 1991 to terminate its two-way mobile radiotelephone service.

Two-way mobile radiotelephone service provides telephone service to mobile customers. There are two ways in which mobile calls can be directed with this technology, manually and automatically. Two-way manual mobile radio service employs the use of operators to receive and transmit radio calls between two mobile subscribers, or between mobile radio subscribers and landline users. Radio-dispatch operators must be employed to provide 24-hours-a-day coverage. Two-way automatic mobile radio service, commonly known as Improved Mobile Telephone Service (IMTS) employs equipment capable of performing all the switching and routing functions automatically. IMTS is the forebear of cellular telephony. PageNet's two-way mobile radiotelephone service is IMTS.

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NOTICE/PROTESTS

Copies of PageNet's Advice Letter No. 66 were served on competing and adjacent utilities at the time of their filing, pursuant to General Order 96-A, Section III, paragraph 6. No protests were received regarding this filing.

DISCUSSION

PageNet claims to be allocating approximately \$900 per month for personnel and equipment to provide this service. PageNet finds it uneconomical to continue offering this service when it has no means of recovering any of these costs. The radio spectrum that will be freed with PageNet's withdrawal of two-way service will be used to accommodate additional one-way mobile paging subscribers.

One of the Commission's concerns with any service withdrawal is whether alternatives of this service exist. Customers who wish to obtain two-way mobile radio service in PageNet's service area have a number of cellular radiotelecommunications utilities to choose from. Cellular service provides a more than adequate alternative to this service because of its greater coverage. The utility's proposed withdrawal of its two-way mobile radio service will not leave prospective subscribers of this type of service without alternatives.

FINDINGS

1. Paging Network of San Francisco, Inc.'s has no subscribers to its two-way mobile service.
2. It is uneconomical for the utility to continue to offer this service without compensation.
3. Viable alternatives exists for those customers who wish to obtain radio telecommunications service.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

Paging Network of San Francisco, Inc.'s Advice Letter No. 66, requesting authority to withdraw its two-way mobile radiotelephone service is made effective today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on April 24, 1991. The following Commissioners approved it:

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