

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Commission Advisory and Compliance Division RESOLUTION T-14623
Telecommunication Branch September 25, 1991

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION T-14623. PACTEL PAGING OF CALIFORNIA
REQUEST AUTHORITY FOR CONTRACT DEVIATION FOR
ALPHANUMERIC PAGING SERVICES.

BY ADVICE LETTER No. 20, FILED ON MAY 28, 1991.

SUMMARY

This resolution authorizes PacTel Paging of California (PacTel) to deviate from its tariffed rates and enter into a special agreement with the Union-Tribune Publishing Co. (Union). Under this agreement PacTel expects to offer Union service at \$18.50 per pager per month with an unlimited number of alphanumeric pages. There are about 2300 subscribers currently receiving this service from PacTel. Union is a multiple user customer, subscribing to 138 Alphanumeric pagers services. Adjacent and competing utilities were notified. No protests were received.

BACKGROUND

PacTel is a radiotelephone utility (RTU) that provides mobile radiotelephone one-way paging and signalling service in Northern and Southern California. The utility filed Advice Letter No. 20 with the Telecommunications Branch of Commission Advisory and Compliance Division on May 28, 1991 for authorization to enter into a contract deviation agreement with Union for Alphanumeric signalling and paging service. Union is located in San Diego, California, and currently subscribes to 138 Alphanumeric pagers from PacTel. PacTel currently has seven other approved contract deviations within its tariffs.

PacTel's tariffs relating to service in San Diego states that multiple user customers subscribing to 100 or more services will be billed \$10 per month per pager. The tariff allows customers a free call allowance of 75 calls per month and charges \$.10 per call thereafter. The contract deviation will allow PacTel to charge Union \$18.50 per month per pager with unlimited call allowance.

NOTICE/PROTESTS

Copies of PacTel's Advice Letter No. 20 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. Notice of this Advice Letter was published in the Commission calendar on May 30, 1991.

DISCUSSION

PacTel requested Commission approval to deviate from its current one-way paging and signalling services in the San Diego area and enter into agreement with Union to provide service at \$18.50 per pager per month, with unlimited calling allowance. The current tariff states that a customer may receive similar services at \$10 per pager per month with a monthly call allowance of 75 calls. Any calls thereafter will be assessed \$.10 per call. The proposed contract deviation will be very beneficial to Union. Union is a multiple user and subscribes to 138 Alphanumeric pagers. The average utility customer makes 40 calls per pager per month, well under the 75 call allowance. Union's average call per pager per month is over 470 calls and significantly above the call allowance of 75 calls. At this level Union incurs an additional \$40 per pager per month. At \$18.50 per pager per month, with unlimited call allowance, Union will realize an estimated savings of \$31.50 per pager per month or \$52,164 annually.

FINDINGS

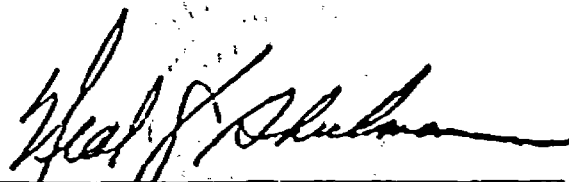
1. PacTel Paging of California provides Alphanumeric paging services to Union-Tribune Publishing Co. in San Diego. Union-Tribune is a multiple user subscribing to 138 pagers.
2. Union-Tribune has an average monthly volume of 470 calls per pager per month.
3. The proposed contract deviation will be beneficial to the customer.
4. It is compensatory for PacTel Paging to offer this service at the proposed monthly rate.

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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

PacTel Paging of California's Advice Letter No. 20, requesting authority to enter into a contract deviation agreement with Union-Tribune Publishing Co. in San Diego, California is made effective today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on September 25, 1991. The following Commissioners approved it:



NEAL J. SHULMAN
Executive Director

I abstain

G. MITCHELL WILK
Commissioner

PATRICIA M. ECKERT
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