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COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION RESOLUTION T-14921
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R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION T-14921. PACIFIC BELL. REQUEST TO MODIFY THE PRICING STRUCTURE OF MAGNETIC TAPE BILLING.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 16186, FILED ON FEBRUARY 14, 1992.

SUMMARY

On February 14, 1992, Pacific Bell (Pacific) filed Advice Letter No. 16186 requesting changes to the pricing structure for magnetic tape billing, in Tariff Schedule Cal P.U.C. A.10.5.1. This Resolution grants Pacific the authority to make the changes requested in Advice Letter No. 16186.

BACKGROUND

Magnetic tape billing offers customers with two or more separately billed accounts the option of having the individual account bills summarized onto one monthly bill statement and placed on a magnetic tape on a bill date of the customer's choice. In addition, customers have the option of having the billing statement of an individual account placed on a separate magnetic tape.

In both the summarized magnetic tape and the individual account magnetic tape, the customer has the option of having detailed information message toll calls, Zone Usage Measurement, service and equipment, WATS calls billed by Pacific Bell, and other charges and credits. The costs of each of these various options are added to the flat-rate charge of each of the summarized or individual account magnetic tapes. Pacific believes that most magnetic tape customers will select one or more options in conjunction with their magnetic tape billing.

Pacific, through Advice Letter No. 16186, is seeking to increase the flat rate charge per tape and to discontinue the additional charges for the various billing options. The overall effect of the price structure change for most customers will be a decrease in the price of magnetic tape billing for both summarized and individual accounts.

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Pacific is seeking to grandfather the existing price structure for customers with magnetic tape billing arrangements. Pacific will notice all magnetic tape billing customers of the changes in the price structure. This notice will provide customers the opportunity to switch to the new price structure or remain at the current rates depending on their magnetic tape billing needs.

PROTESTS

Notice of Advice Letter No. 16186 was published in the Commission Calendar on February 19, 1992. The Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD) has received no protest to this Advice Letter.

DISCUSSION

CACD has reviewed Pacific's Advice Letter No. 16186 and its supporting documentation. The proposed price structure changes to the magnetic tape billing service are supported by the customer demand data in the documentation. Magnetic tape billing customers often request more than one billing option along with the flat-rate service. Hence, the increase in the flat-rate price will be more than offset by the removal of billing option charges, leading to an overall reduction in price for magnetic tape billing for Pacific's customers.

CACD recommends the price structure changes to Pacific's magnetic tape billing be made effective.

FINDINGS

1. On February 14, 1992, Pacific Bell filed Advice Letter No. 16186 requesting authority to change the price structure of the magnetic tape billing service.
2. Presently, most magnetic tape billing customers request at least one billing option along with their flat-rate magnetic tape service.
3. Increasing the flat rate service price and removing the option charges will result in overall lower charges for most magnetic tape billing service customers.
4. The present price structure for magnetic tape billing, including the flat-rate charges and billing options, will be grandfathered so that existing customers are not affected by the price structure changes.
5. CACD has reviewed Pacific's proposed price structure changes for its magnetic tape billing and recommends such changes be made effective.

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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The price structure changes to Pacific Bell magnetic tape billing service Schedule Cal P.U.C. A.10.5.1. requested in Advice Letter No. 16186 is hereby made effective.
2. Advice Letter No. 16186 and its accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show this Resolution's number and effective date

The effective date of this Resolution is today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on April 22, 1992. The following Commissioners approved it:



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