

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Commission Advisory and Compliance Division
Telecommunications BranchRESOLUTION T-14926
May 8, 1992**R E S O L U T I O N**RESOLUTION T-14926. PAGEPROMPT USA. REQUEST TO MODIFY
BASIC SERVICE RATES.BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 7, FILED ON MARCH 2, 1992 AND
ADVICE LETTER NO. 7A, FILED ON MARCH 25, 1992.SUMMARY

This Resolution authorizes PagePrompt USA to restructure its Basic Service Rates to encourage its customers to subscribe to multi-unit accounts. PagePrompt USA's proposed changes will result in both a decrease for some rates and an increase for other rates. However, no current customers of PagePrompt USA will be affected by any rate increases resulting from its proposed changes. There were no protests to the advice letters.

BACKGROUND

PagePrompt USA (PagePrompt) is a radiotelephone utility that provides one-way paging and signalling service in the major metropolitan areas of Northern and Southern California.

On March 2, 1992, PagePrompt filed its Advice Letter No. 7 to restructure its Basic Service Rates by: (1) changing the number of units per rate range, and (2) decreasing the display rates. The following tables show PagePrompt's current and proposed rates:

CURRENT RATES

<u>Number of Units</u>	<u>Display</u>	<u>Tone</u>	<u>Alpha-Numeric</u>
1 - 5	\$ 10.00	\$8.00	\$19.50
6 - 15	9.00	7.00	18.50
16 - 30	8.00	6.00	17.50
31 - 50	7.00	5.00	16.50
51 - 99	6.00	4.00	15.50
100 or more	5.00	3.00	14.50

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PROPOSED RATES

<u>Number of Units</u>	<u>Display</u>	<u>Tone</u>	<u>Alpha-Numeric</u>
1 - 5	\$ 10.00	\$8.00	\$19.50
6 - 11	8.50	7.00	18.50
12 - 99	7.00	6.00	17.50
100 - 499	6.00	5.00	16.50
500 - 999	5.00	4.00	15.50
1000 or more	4.00	3.00	14.50

By PagePrompt's proposed tariff rate changes, the display rate will be generally decreased for more than 5 units but less than 31 units subscriptions. However, by also changing the number of units per rate range, the display, tone, and alpha-numeric rates will be increased for more than 51 units subscriptions. For example, customers who fall into the current unit range of 51-99 pay the following: Display - \$6; Tone - \$4; and Alpha-Numeric - \$15.50. Based on the proposed rates, customers who fall into the same unit range of 51-99 will pay the following: Display - \$7 (17% increase); Tone - \$6 (50% increase); Alpha-Numeric - \$17.50 (13% increase). Therefore, PagePrompt's proposed tariff rate changes would result both in a decrease for some rates and an increase for other rates.

On March 25, 1992, PagePrompt filed its Advice Letter No. 7A to provide an affidavit that no subscribers will be affected by any rate increases that would result from its proposed tariff rate changes.

NOTICE/PROTESTS

Public notice of PagePrompt's Advice Letter Nos. 7 and 7A was made by publication in the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 4, 1992 and March 27, 1992, respectively. Also, pursuant to General Order No. 96-A, Section III, Paragraph 6, PagePrompt mailed copies of its advice letters to other utilities and to all interested parties requesting notification.

There are no customers who will be affected by PagePrompt's proposed tariff rate changes, so no customer notice was mailed.

No protests were received.

DISCUSSION

By changing its tariff charges, PagePrompt hopes to encourage sales to multi-unit accounts. However, PagePrompt cannot foresee the additional number of units it might serve, and therefore it does not anticipate any additional revenue.

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PagePrompt indicates in its Advice Letter No. 7A that all of its current customers subscribe for less than 5 units at the following rates: Display - \$10; Tone - \$8.00; and Alpha-Numeric - \$19.50. Accordingly, the utility's proposed rate increases will not affect any current customers.

PagePrompt's proposed tariff rate changes meet the requirements set forth in General Order No. 96-A, and therefore they should be approved.

FINDINGS

1. PagePrompt proposes to restructure its Basic Service Rates to encourage multi-unit accounts.
2. PagePrompt's proposed tariff rate changes will result in both a decrease for some rates and an increase for other rates.
3. PagePrompt certifies that it has no current customers that will be affected by any rate increases resulting from its proposed tariff rate changes.
4. PagePrompt anticipates no additional revenues because it cannot foresee the additional number of multi-unit customers that it might serve.
5. PagePrompt's Advice Letter No. 7 and 7A meet all the requirements of General Order No. 96-A.

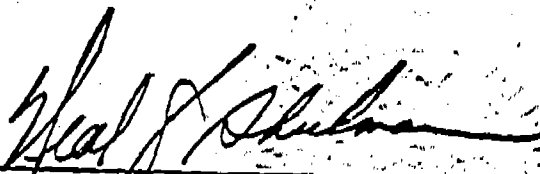
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

PagePrompt USA is granted authority to modify its Basic Service Rates as requested in Advice Letter Nos. 7 and 7A. The revised rates shall become effective on the effective date of this Resolution.

This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on May 8, 1992. The following Commissioners approved it:

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