

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Telecommunications Branch

RESOLUTION NO. T-15027
July 27, 1992

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION T-15027. PACIFIC BELL. EXECUTIVE
RESOLUTION REGARDING PACIFIC BELL REQUEST TO CONTINUE
PROVIDING SANTA CRUZ EXCHANGE SERVICE TO FIFTY-ONE (51)
SUBSCRIBERS LOCATED IN THAT TERRITORY TO BE TRANSFERRED
TO ITS FELTON EXCHANGE.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 16258, FILED ON JUNE 12, 1992.

SUMMARY

Pacific Bell (Pacific) filed Advice Letter No. 16258, dated June 12, 1992 requesting authority to transfer 0.14 square miles of territory from its Santa Cruz Exchange to its Felton Exchange to effectively and economically service the territory. The advice letter is effective on forty days notice pending authorization of this resolution.

Because of this exchange and base rate area boundary realignment, Pacific requests authority to deviate from its tariffs and continue to provide Santa Cruz Exchange service to 51 subscribers in the territory to be transferred to the Felton Exchange. These customers have expressed their wish to retain existing telephone numbers associated with the Santa Cruz Exchange.

This resolution approves Pacific's request to continue providing Santa Cruz Exchange telephone service to 51 customers at their existing locations.

BACKGROUND

The 0.14 square miles of territory is situated in the northeastern portion of the Santa Cruz Exchange and lies southwest of the Felton Exchange.

There are currently 63 subscribers in the area. This area contains duplicate feed from both the Felton and Santa Cruz Exchanges. The Santa Cruz Exchange feed must pass through the Felton Exchange for approximately 3,400 feet before it enters the Santa Cruz Exchange section of Green Valley Road. The Santa Cruz Exchange section of Green Valley Road currently needs facility reinforcements.

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NOTICE/PROTESTS

Notice of Pacific's Advice Letter No. 16258 was published in the Commission Calendar on June 17, 1992. No protests have been received by the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division.

DISCUSSION

Pacific states that the Santa Cruz Exchange section of Green Valley Road currently needs more capacity to better serve its customers in this area. Pacific estimates the cost of the duplicate feed with a 600 pair buried cable is \$51,254. Pacific indicates the cost to reinforce this area from the Felton Exchange (add 3 repeaters and 1 SLC5) is \$17,500 and will eliminate the need for dual exchange reinforcements. Service facility reinforcement from the Felton Exchange is a savings to Pacific of \$33,754 in construction costs. Pacific states that the Felton Exchange section of Green Valley Road has enough facilities to provide for growth in this area for several years.

Among the current 63 customers in this area, twelve customers have indicated a willingness to change their telephone number to Felton Exchange service and 51 customers prefer to retain their Santa Cruz Exchange service. The 51 should be allowed to retain their existing local service and telephone numbers until such time as they 1) terminate service, 2) request a transfer of service to another name, or 3) order a different type of service.

Telephone service to these 51 customers will be rendered under a deviation in accordance with Pacific's Rule No. 27 - List of Contracts and Deviations and Subsection A of Section X. of General Order No. 96-A.

Basic residential telephone rates remain the same but the Felton Exchange's measured business rate is lower than the Santa Cruz Exchange's rate. IntraLATA message toll charges vary from exchange to exchange depending on the distances between rate centers. Thus those customers shifting to the Felton Exchange may experience greater or lesser toll charges than they would otherwise depending on their toll calling patterns; those retaining Santa Cruz Exchange service will not. The net effect on Pacific's revenues due to this deviation will be minimal.

Because Pacific estimates savings of \$25,454 in construction costs through this exchange realignment, administering this area through the Felton Exchange will be beneficial to Pacific.

Commission Resolution T-9599, dated March 29, 1977, authorized the Executive Director to grant a utility's request to deviate from filed tariffs for customers whose exchange services are affected by a utility initiated boundary change or serving central office rearrangement.

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FINDINGS

1. It is reasonable to authorize Pacific to deviate from its filed tariffs and allow 51 customers in the Santa Cruz Exchange to continue with their existing local service, in accordance with Resolution T-9599.
2. The boundary realignment is expected to save Pacific approximately \$25,454.
3. By Advice Letter No. 16258, dated June 12, 1992, Pacific should more efficiently and economically serve the affected exchange area.

Therefore, under the authority vested in the Executive Director by Resolution T-9599, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Pacific Bell is authorized to grandfather the service to fifty-one (51) customers of record at their current locations in the Santa Cruz Exchange until such time as these customers terminate or transfer service.
2. All tariff sheets filed under Advice Letter No. 16258 shall be marked to show that such sheets relate to a deviation which was authorized by Executive Action Resolution No. T-15027.

The effective date of this Resolution is July 27, 1992.

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