

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Commission Advisory and Compliance Division RESOLUTION T-15105
September 2, 1992

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION T-15105. AIRSIGNAL OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
(U-2028-C). REQUEST TO INCREASE LATE PAYMENT CHARGE FOR
CUSTOMERS.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 90, FILED ON JUNE 24, 1992

SUMMARY

Airsignal of California, Inc. (Airsignal), via Advice Letter No. 90, filed on June 24, 1992, requests authority to increase the late payment charge in order to recover administrative costs and provide customers with more incentive to pay their bills on time. This Resolution grants Airsignal authority to increase their late payment charge, pursuant to General Order 96-A (G.O. 96-A), Section VI. There were no protests associated with this Advice Letter.

BACKGROUND

Under G.O. 96-A, Section VI - Procedure in Filing Increased Rates, the tariff schedules of a utility may not be changed whereby a rate or a charge is increased until adequate showing and justification has been made before the Commission.

NOTICE/PROTESTS

Notice of this Advice Letter was sent out to customers and appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 1, 1992. Copies of this Advice Letter were also mailed contemporaneously with Airsignal's filing to competing and adjacent utilities and known parties. There were no protests to this Advice Letter.

DISCUSSION

Airsignal provided the information required by G.O. 96-A, Section VI to justify the proposed increase in the late payment charge through a letter dated August 10, 1992.

As stated in the letter, Airsignal's controller determined that administrative costs associated with collecting late payments from customers have risen over the past few years. Therefore,

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Airsignal requests authority to raise the late payment fee from the greater of \$1.50 per month or 1.5% of any outstanding balance to the greater of \$3.00 per month or 1.5% of any outstanding balance in order to offset increased administrative costs of late payment processing. In addition, it is Airsignal's view that the \$1.50 per month increase in late payment charge will provide customers with greater incentive to pay their bills on time.

FINDINGS

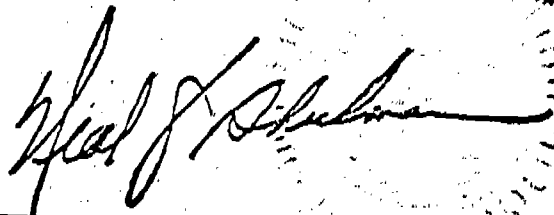
1. On June 24, 1992, Airsignal of California, Inc. filed Advice Letter No. 90 requesting authority to increase the late payment charge for customers from the greater of \$1.50 per month or 1.50% of any outstanding balance to the greater of \$3.00 per month or 1.50% of any outstanding balance.
2. Airsignal's proposed increase is justified to help meet increased costs associated with collecting late payments from customers, and to provide a greater incentive for customers to pay their bills on time.
3. There were no protests associated with this Advice Letter.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

Airsignal of California, Inc.'s request to increase its late payment charge for customers is granted.

This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on September 2, 1992. The following Commissioners approved it:



NEAL J. SHULMAN
Executive Director

DANIEL Wm. FESSLER
President
JOHN B. OHANIAN
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
Commissioners

Commissioner Patricia M. Eckert,
being necessarily absent, did not
participate.