

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Commission Advisory and Compliance Division RESOLUTION T-15135
Telecommunications Branch December 3, 1992

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION T-15135. TADLOCK'S COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
(U-2059-C). REQUEST TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF MESSAGE UNIT
ALLOWANCE PER MONTH FOR DIGITAL DISPLAY SERVICE.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 27, FILED ON JULY 2, 1992

SUMMARY

Tadlock's Communications, Inc. (Tadlock), via Advice Letter No. 27, filed on July 2, 1992, requests authority to set a 500 message unit allowance limit per month for its Digital Display Service. Tadlock intends to discourage the use of paging equipment for illicit (typically drug-related) purposes with this per call charge for calls in excess of 500 calls per month. Tadlock suspects that the few customers (an average of two customers per month) with usage surpassing the proposed 500 message unit allowance are involved in illegal activities. This Resolution grants Tadlock authority to limit their message unit allowance and to add a charge of \$0.10 per message unit for each message over the monthly allowance applicable to the Digital Display Service, pursuant to General Order 96-A (G.O. 96-A), Section IV - Procedures in Filing Increased Rates.

Tadlock estimates that the effect on its annual revenues due to the limitation of monthly message unit allowance would be an increase or decrease of \$200 to \$300, depending on the customers' reaction to the new charge per call for calls in excess of 500 per month.

Tadlock's Advice Letter No. 27 also lowers the rate for Digital Tone Only Service, makes updates to information regarding service frequencies, and makes minor, noncontroversial textual corrections to its tariffs. There were no protests in response to this Advice Letter.

BACKGROUND

Tadlock provides one-way paging and signaling service in the greater Sacramento area. Currently, customers of the company's digital display service have no maximum message allowance per

month. Advice Letter 27 would set a limit of 500 messages per month, with an additional charge for each message over the monthly allowance.

G.O. 96-A, Section IV states that:

"The tariff schedule of a utility may not be changed whereby any rate or charge is increased, or any condition or classification changed so as to result in an increase, or any change made which will result in a lesser service or more restrictive conditions at the same rate or charge, until a showing has been made before the Commission and a finding by the Commission that such an increase is justified."

NOTICE/PROTESTS

Notice of this Advice Letter was sent out to customers and appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 8, 1992. Copies of this Advice Letter were also mailed contemporaneously with its filing to interested parties and competing utilities. There were no protests associated with this Advice Letter.

DISCUSSION

Tadlock provided the information requested by G.O. 96-A, Section IV to justify the proposed limit on the monthly message unit allowance for the Digital Display Service via a letter dated September 8, 1992 and followed up with additional information in another letter dated September 17, 1992.

As stated in the September 17th letter, Tadlock believes that the overwhelming majority of its users never come close to approaching the proposed 500 per unit per month message unit limitation. However, there are a few customers who exceed this limitation, approximately two customers per month. Tadlock suspects that most of the high call volume customers are involved in illegal (typically drug-related) activities. In requesting the per call charge for calls in excess of 500 calls per month, Tadlock hopes to discourage usage of this service for illegal activities.

Tadlock estimates that the effect of monthly message unit limitation on its revenues would be an increase of \$200 to \$300 if customers continue service, and a decrease of \$200 to \$300 if customers discontinue service.

FINDINGS

1. On July 2, 1992, Tadlock's Communications, Inc. filed Advice Letter No. 27 requesting authority to set a 500 message unit allowance per month on their Digital Display Service and charge \$0.10 per call for each message over the monthly allowance.

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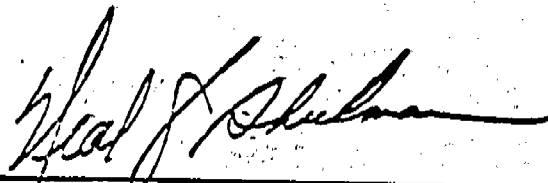
2. Tadlock provided sufficient justification for the proposed limit required by G.O. 96-A, Section IV.
3. The other issues associated with this Advice Letter are the reduction of rates for Digital Tone Only Service, updating information regarding frequencies, and making minor, noncontroversial textual corrections, all of which are without controversy.
4. There were no protests associated with this Advice Letter.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

Tadlock's Communications, Inc.'s Advice Letter No. 27 is hereby approved.

This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on December 3, 1992. The following Commissioners approved it:



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