

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION      RESOLUTION NO. T-15751  
Telecommunications Branch                              July 6, 1995

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENTS COMMITTEE  
(DC) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS EDUCATION TRUST TO  
AWARD TRUST FUNDS

BACKGROUND

1. Pursuant to D.87-12-067, the Telecommunications Education Trust (Trust) has been established to promote consumer education and understanding of the telecommunications system.
2. The Disbursements Committee (DC) was also established by D.87-12-067.
3. The Commission issued D.95-01-019 which confirms an earlier decision (D.94-08-030) to grant the Trust an additional \$2.1 million, and extends the Trust to December 31, 1996.
4. The California Supreme Court has agreed to review these decisions of the Commission.
5. The Trust is suspending further activities related to the new \$2.1 million until the California Supreme Court has issued its opinion on the appeal of D.94-08-030 and D.95-01-019.
6. The Trust, by this resolution, is recommending the final distribution of the last of the original endowment of \$16.5 million.
7. The Trust plans to pay all remaining obligations and close the books on the original funds by September 30, 1995.
8. The DC of the Trust has met and now recommends that on or before September 30, 1995, each of the two organizations listed in Attachment A be granted half of the remaining amount of the original Trust monies to accomplish the purposes of the Trust.
9. There are six grantees whose grants will still be active on September 30, 1995.
10. After the end of the Trust, the Commission (through the offices of Executive Director and Public Advisor) is designated as the legal entity to which the remaining grantees must submit their reports.

FINDINGS

1. The DC has carefully considered possible uses for the remaining Trust funds.
2. We find it is reasonable for the Trust to pay all obligations and close the books on the original \$16.5 million endowment, as of September 30, 1995.
3. We find that it is reasonable to authorize the DC of the Trust to enter into the agreements proposed in Attachment A. Each organization will receive half of the funds remaining on or before September 30, 1995, after the other remaining obligations have been paid.
4. We find that it is reasonable to designate the Commission as the legal entity to which grantee reports will be sent.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The DC of the Trust is authorized to enter into agreements with the organizations and for the amounts described in Attachment A. Each organization will receive half of the remaining original funds after the Trust closes its books and pays all other obligations on September 30, 1995.
2. The DC of the Trust is authorized to designate the Commission as the legal entity to which grantee reports will be sent.

July 6, 1995

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on July 6, 1995. The following Commissioners approved it:

*Wesley M. Franklin*

Wesley M. Franklin  
Acting Executive Director

DANIEL Wm. FESSLER  
President  
P. GREGORY CONLON  
JESSIE J. KNIGHT, JR.  
HENRY M. DUQUE  
Commissioners

ATTACHMENT A - Organizations recommended for funding.

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# TELECOMMUNICATIONS EDUCATION TRUST

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## ATTACHMENT "A"

### 1995 RECOMMENDED GRANTS

**Privacy Rights Clearinghouse,  
Center for Public Interest Law  
University of San Diego School of Law  
5998 Alcalá Park  
San Diego, CA 92110-2492  
Beth Givens, Project Director  
(619) 260-4806**

The Center for Public Interest Law (CPIL) operates a Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, developed with previous TET funding, to educate Californians about electronic privacy issues. TET funding will be used to continue to research privacy issues and operate the Privacy Hot-Line (1-800-773-7748), responding to callers' privacy concerns. CPIL conducts state-wide outreach and distributes privacy Fact Sheets and will continue to bring telecommunications privacy issues before consumers and decision-makers. All of the Privacy Clearinghouse's services are available in English and Spanish. These funds will allow the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse to continue services beyond their current grant end date of February 28, 1996.

**Recommended Grant:** Half of the balance remaining after payment of all TET obligations.

**TET Repository,  
Consumer Action  
116 New Montgomery, Suite 223  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
(415) 777-9648**

Consumer Action (CA), a state-wide consumer advocacy and education agency, received prior TET funds to operate the TET Repository. The TET Repository houses all of the materials developed by TET grantees, including videos, audio tapes, manuals, curricula, pamphlets, Fact Sheets, research studies and games. CA promotes these materials, which are available in fourteen languages and braille and makes them available to Californians through a Catalog and a reading/viewing room. These funds will be used to continue to operate the TET Repository beyond the current June 30, 1996 end date.

**Recommended Grant:** Half of the balance remaining after payment of all TET obligations.

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