

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION      RESOLUTION T-15829  
Telecommunications Branch                                      February 23, 1996

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION T-15829. ALL LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES (LECS). ORDER REQUIRING ALL LECS TO FILE REVISED TARIFF SCHEDULES TO REFLECT THE ADJUSTMENT IN THE INCOME LIMITATION REQUIREMENT APPLICABLE TO UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE.

SUMMARY

Section 3.1.1.1 of General Order 153 requires the Commission to adjust the Household Income Limitation requirement applicable to Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) by February 15th of each year. This adjustment reflects inflation based on change in the federal Consumer Price Index -- Urban Areas (CPI-U).

BACKGROUND

Currently, the income limitation requirement for the period of March 8, 1995 through March 7, 1996 is as follows:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limitation</u>
1 - 2	\$16,100
3	18,900

(For each additional member, add \$3,800)

DISCUSSION

The the percentage rate change in the 1995 calendar year for the U.S. City average, CPI-U, is 2.5 percent. The new income limitation requirement, which should be effective from March 8, 1996, through March 7, 1997, is as follows:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limitation</u>
1 - 2	\$16,500
3	19,400

(For each additional member, add \$3,900)

The household income is subject to verification by the Commission or by the local service provider.

FINDINGS

1. Section 3.1.1.1 of General Order 153 requires the Commission to revise the Household Income limitation requirement applicable to the Universal Lifeline Telephone Service Program by February 15th of each year.

2. The change in the Consumer Price Index -- Urban Areas is 2.5% and will be used in determining the Household Income Limitations for the period from March 8, 1996, through March 7, 1997.

3. Resulting income limits are as follows:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limitation</u>
1 - 2	\$ 16,500
3	19,400

(For each additional member, add \$3,900)

4. The household income is subject to verification by the Commission or by the local service provider.


**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:**

1. All Local Exchange Companies shall file revised tariff schedules reflecting the increase in the income limitation requirement applicable to Universal Lifeline Telephone Service as specified in Finding No. 3 of this Resolution by March 1, 1996, and these revised tariff sheets shall be effective from March 8, 1996 through March 7, 1997. The household income is subject to verification by the Commission or by the local service provider.

2. All tariff sheets filed under the authority granted by this Resolution shall be marked to show that such sheets were authorized by Resolution No. T-15829 of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California.

3. The effective date of this Resolution is today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on February 23, 1996. The following Commissioners approved it:

  
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