

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Commission Advisory and Compliance Division RESOLUTION T-15940
Telecommunications Branch July 17, 1996

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION T-15940. GTE CALIFORNIA, INCORPORATED.
(U-1002-C). REQUEST TO WITHDRAW DISCOUNT CALLING PLANS
FOUR AND FIVE FOR RESIDENCE CUSTOMERS AND LIMIT DISCOUNT
CALLING PLANS FOUR AND FIVE FOR BUSINESS CUSTOMERS.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 8049, FILED ON APRIL 09, 1996.

SUMMARY

GTE California, Incorporated (GTEC) is authorized to limit its Discount Calling Plans Four and Five to existing business customers as of the effective date of this tariff, and to eliminate Discount Calling Plans Four and Five for residence customers. These plans are similar to Discount Calling Plans One and Two, respectively, for residence customers.

BACKGROUND

GTEC filed Advice Letter No. 8049 on April 9, 1996, requesting authority to limit its Schedule Cal.P.U.C No. B-4, Discount Calling Plans, Plans Four and Five to existing business customers, and to eliminate Plans Four and Five for residence customers as of the effective date of this tariff. GTEC explains that Plans Four and Five for residence customers are the same as Plans One and Two, respectively, for residence customers. Therefore there is no impact for residence customers.

Business Discount Calling Plan Four costs \$1.00 monthly with a 15% discount off of evening and night calling. Business Discount Calling Plan Five costs \$3.00 monthly with a 25% discount off of evening and night calling. These business plans are unique among those offered by GTEC.

NOTICE/PROTESTS

Notice of Advice Letter No. 8049 was published in the Commission Daily Calendar of April 12, 1996. No protests have been received.

DISCUSSION

Intra-LATA toll message service is a competitive service and customers are free to switch to other carriers if they are dissatisfied with GTEC's restrictions on its Discount Calling Plans. No protest has been received to GTEC's request, and it is reasonable to allow GTEC to limit its Business Discount Calling Plans Four and Five to existing business customers as of the effective date of this tariff.

There is no impact to residence customers of eliminating Residential Discount Calling Plans Four and Five, since these plans are identical to Residential Calling Plans One and Two, respectively. GTEC should switch residential customers using Plans Four and Five to Plans One and Two, respectively, at no charge.

FINDINGS

1. It is reasonable to allow GTEC to limit its Business Discount Calling Plans Four and Five to existing business customers as of the effective date of this Resolution.
2. It is reasonable to allow GTEC to eliminate its Residence Discount Calling Plans Four and Five.
3. GTEC should switch its Residence Discount Calling Plan Four and Five customers to Plans One and Two, respectively, at no charge.

1. THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Advice Letter No. 8049 of GTE California, Incorporated (GTEC) is made effective immediately.

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2. GTE California, Incorporated's Advice Letter No. 8049 and accompanying tariff sheets should be marked to indicate that they were authorized by California Public Utilities Commission Resolution No. T-15940 and its effective date.

This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on July 17, 1996. The following Commissioners approved it:

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