

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Telecommunications Branch

RESOLUTION T-15954
September 4, 1996

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION T-15954. ORDER CANCELING THE CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CPCNs) GRANTED RADIO TELEPHONE UTILITIES (RTU) PROVIDING ONLY ONE WAY PAGING RTU SERVICES. ONE WAY PAGING SERVICE WAS DEREGULATED JANUARY 1, 1996 BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

SUMMARY

This Resolution cancels the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCNs) granted sixty-one radio telephone utilities (RTUs) which only provide one way paging RTU services. One way service was deregulated in California on January 1, 1996.

The names of the companies having their CPCNs cancelled are listed in Appendix A. The companies in Appendix A were notified by registered letters that their CPCNs would be canceled in an upcoming Resolution unless they notified the Commission they wanted to keep their CPCN.

BACKGROUND

AB 202, by Assembly Member Conroy, was signed by the governor on August 3, 1995, and became effective on January 1, 1996. This legislation exempted from the definition of a telephone corporation one-way paging services (PU Code Section 234), and required the Director of Consumer Affairs to receive complaints from consumers concerning those services (PU Code Section 325.3).

A registered letter was sent to each RTU providing only one way RTU paging services. The letter informed the RTU that the Commission planned to cancel their CPCN number in an upcoming Resolution to reflect the passage of AB 202 and to update the Commission's records. The RTU was also provided the name and number of a contact person in CACD to call if the RTU wanted to keep its CPCN, or had any questions regarding the letter.

The RTU was also informed in the letter that if at some future time it wanted to provide a regulated wireless service as a commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) provider in California (e.g. two-way paging, cellular, personal communications services, marine radio, two-way mobile, etc.) the company must

become registered. Wireless registration replaces the CPCN requirement in California for wireless carriers (excluding one-way paging) classified as CMRS providers by the Federal Communications Commission. The wireless registration request can be handled in a matter of minutes under the CPUC's streamlined registration process. The applicant only has to submit answers to 9 simple questions (e.g. name of applicant, address, fictitious name if any, customer service contact number for complaints, etc.) to receive its wireless registration number.

The Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD) is requesting those sixty-one companies listed in Appendix A have their CPCN numbers canceled. Some of the RTUs listed could not be found or contacted and those companies are identified with an asterisk. A couple of RTUs have informed CACD they are no longer in business, and these RTUs are identified with a double asterisk.

NOTICE/PROTEST

In response to CACD's registered CPCN cancellation notice to the RTU's, only one company chose to retain its CPCN. That company planned to provide a regulated RTU service in the next couple of months.

DISCUSSION

The Commission approves canceling the CPCNs of the RTUs listed in Appendix A which furnish only one way paging RTU services. The Commission found in Decision 92-01-016 "that the RTU industry is highly competitive" and would consider legislative changes to the code reflecting this view. The Commission did in fact support AB 202, which deregulated one way paging services. The cancellation of CPCNs for RTUs providing only one way paging will update Commission records and free utility and Commission staff resources for more important tasks.

FINDINGS

1. RTUs furnishing only one way paging were notified of the Commission's intent to cancel their Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN's) to reflect the passage of AB 202, which deregulated one-way paging, and to update Commission records.
2. The notified RTUs in Appendix A made no request to retain their CPCN nor did they notify CACD staff that they provided other regulated RTU services than one-way paging.
3. The RTUs listed in Appendix A identified with an asterisk could not be found nor contacted, have not filed required Commission reports, and are therefor assumed to be out of business.

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4. Any RTU whose CPCN is cancelled can easily and quickly obtain a Wireless Registration Number using the Commission's streamlined process if it chooses to offer a Commercial Mobile Radio Service (excluding one-way paging) at a future time.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the RTU's listed in Appendix A are cancelled and will not be reissued.

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 September 4, 1996. The following Commissioners approved it:


WESLEY M. FRANKLIN
Executive Director

DANIEL Wm. FESSLER
JESSIE J. KNIGHT, Jr.
HENRY M. DUQUE
JOSIAH L. NEEPER
Commissioners

President P. Gregory Conlon,
being necessarily absent, did not
participate.

APPENDIX A

LIST OF RADIO TELEPHONE UTILITIES PROVIDING ONLY ONE WAY PAGING
RTU SERVICES WHOSE CPCNs ARE CANCELLED PER RESOLUTION T-15954

AALERT PAGING COMPANY OF SACRAMENTO * (2084)
AALERT PAGING COMPANY OF SAN DIEGO * (2086)
AALERT PAGING COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO * (2085)
ADVANCED PAGING & COMMUNICATIONS INC. * (2071)
AIR SIGNAL OF CA. INC. (2028)
AIRTOUCH PAGING (2111)
ALLCITY PAGING, INC. (2090)
AMERICAN PAGING, INC. (CALIFORNIA) (2001)
ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATIONS OF AMERICA ** (2077)
BEEP CALIFORNIA INC. * (2132)
CLEARLAKE COMMUNICATIONS (2008)
COMMUNICATION ENTERPRISES INC. (2088)
COMMUNICATION TRANSMITTING SVCS. (2100)
COMTECH MOBILE TELEPHONE COMPANY (2134)
COOK TELECOM INC. OF SAN DIEGO (2127)
COOK TELECOM INC. OF SAN FRANCISCO (2096)
COUNTY VOICE * (2104)
DIAL PAGE, INC. (2015)
DIGITAL MOBILE COMMS, INC.-CA * (2049)
DIGITAL MOBILE COMMS. INC. - SACRAMENTO (2016)
DOERING COMMUNICATIONS (2138)
FEATHER COMMUNICATIONS (2017)
FLEET CALL OF UTAH, INC. (QUESTAR) (2131)
INTERNATIONAL PAGING CORP. ** (2106)
INTERPAGE, INC. * (2068)
KWIK-PAGE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (2120)
MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. (2142)
METROCALL INC. (2079)
MOBILECOMM OF CALIFORNIA, INC. (2032)
MOBILECOMM OF THE WEST, INC. (2133)
NORTH STATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (2040)
PAGE AMERICA COMMUNICATIONS OF CA, INC. (2043)
PAGEMART II, INC. (2129)
PAGEMART OPERATIONS INC. (2136)
PAGEPROMT USA (2116)
PAGING NETWORK OF LOS ANGELES (2083)
PAGING NETWORK OF SAN FRANCISCO, INC. (2044)
PAGING SPECIALIST * (2121)
PAGING SYSTEMS, INC. (2097)
PHONE HOME INC. (HARRIS COMMUNICATIONS) (2130)
POSITIVE COMMUNICATIONS (2080 and 2141)
RADIO DISPATCH CORPORATION (2047)
SAN DIEGO PAGING, INC. (2074)
SATELLITE PAGING, INC. * (2095)
SEQUOIA COMMUNICATIONS (2054)
SHASTA CASCADE SERVICES, INC. (2118)

SHELCOMM (2113)
SIERRA SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (2082)
SIGMA PAGING * (2117)
SILVERADO COMMUNICATIONS (2055)
SONOMA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (2057)
SOUTHLAND HOLDINGS, INC. (2089)
SPECTRATEL, INC. * (2081)
STARPAGE (2025)
TELEPAGE COMMUNICATIONS INC. (2092)
THE WESTLINK PAGING COMPANY (2139)
U S WEST PAGING, INC. (2115)
UNITED RADIOPHONE * (2061)
VALLEY PAGING INC. * (2091)
VALLEY VOICE PAGING * (2063)
WESTSIDE COMMUNICATIONS OF TAMPA (2072)