

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

RESOLUTION T-15981
December 20, 1996

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION T-15981. PACIFIC BELL. REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONAL OFFERING OF FRAME RELAY SERVICE UNTIL SIX MONTHS FOLLOWING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL ORDER IN THE OANAD PROCEEDING, R.93-04-003/I.93-04-002.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 18590 FILED ON NOVEMBER 22, 1996.

SUMMARY

Pacific Bell (Pacific) requests authority under provisions of General Order No. 96-A (G.O. 96-A) to revise Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A18. Integrated Services, 18.5 Frame Relay Service (FRS), and Schedule Cal.P.U.C. No. 175-T Access Service, 17.3 Frame Relay Service (FRS), to extend the provisional offering until 6 months following the effective date of the final order in the Open Access and Network Architecture Development (OANAD) proceeding, R.93-04-003/I.93-04-002.

This Resolution authorizes Pacific's request. Pacific estimates that there is no revenue impact for this filing. No protest to the Advice Letter was filed.

BACKGROUND

FRS is a high speed statistically multiplexed data service. It provides an efficient way to multiplex across high quality digital lines over a wide geographical area at bandwidths between 56 Kbps (kilobits per second) and 1.544 Mbps (megabits per second). FRS reduces the overhead processing time to get information from one location to another, resulting in higher transmission speed and lower network delay.

The Commission by Resolution T-15408 dated December 3, 1993, authorized Pacific to offer Frame Relay Service on a provisional basis which was to expire on January 1, 1995. Because issues concerning the unbundling, non-discriminatory access, and imputation requirements of FRS may be further clarified in the OANAD proceeding, the Commission, by Resolution T-15673, extended the service to January 1, 1996. Resolution T-15814 further

extended the service to January 1, 1997 pending the issuance of the final OANAD decision.

Pacific estimates no annual revenue impact of this filing.

NOTICE/PROTESTS

Pacific states that a copy of the Advice Letter and related tariff sheets was mailed to competing and adjacent utilities and/or other utilities and interested parties. The Advice Letter was listed in the Commission's Daily Calendar of November 27, 1996. No protest to the Advice Letter was filed.

DISCUSSION

The Commission by Resolution T-15673 authorized an extension of Pacific's Frame Relay Service provisional offering to January 1, 1996. In that Resolution, the Commission said it may be appropriate to extend FRS on a provisional basis to account for the possibility that the unbundling, non-discriminatory access, and imputation requirements may be further clarified in a future OANAD proceeding. In Resolution T-15673, the Commission also stated that an OANAD clarifying decision on unbundling may not be issued until year-end 1995 or later.

By Resolution T-15814, the Commission further extended FRS to January 1, 1997. The final OANAD clarifying decision on unbundling requirements has not been rendered and FRS is scheduled to expire January 1, 1997. By Advice Letter No. 18590, Pacific requests that the Commission extend FRS, a provisional offering, to 6 months following the effective date of the final order in the OANAD proceeding to allow Pacific adequate time to implement and demonstrate compliance with the unbundling requirements.

The Telecommunications Division concludes that the Advice Letter meets the requirements set forth in G.O. 96-A and that Pacific's request for FRS extension to 6 months following the effective date of the final OANAD decision is rendered is reasonable and recommends that the Commission approve this filing.

FINDINGS

1. Pacific Bell filed Advice Letter No. 18590 requesting Commission authorization to extend the provisional Frame Relay Service (due to expire January 1, 1997) to 6 months following the effective date of the final OANAD clarifying decision on unbundling requirements.
2. Pacific estimates that authorization of this service will result in no change in the annual revenue.
3. A final clarifying decision on unbundling requirements has not been issued in the OANAD proceeding.


THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority is granted to make Pacific Bell's Advice Letter No. 18590 effective January 1, 1997. Pacific Bell's authority to offer Frame Relay Service on a provisional basis is extended until 6 months following the effective date of the final order clarifying unbundling requirements in the Open Access and Network Architecture Development proceeding, R.93-04-003/I.93-04-002, unless otherwise directed by this Commission.

2. The Advice Letter and tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were authorized by Resolution T-15981.

The effective date of this Resolution is today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on December 20, 1996. The following Commissioners approved it:



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