

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Telecommunications Division
Carrier Branch

RESOLUTION T-16076
September 3, 1997

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION T-16076. PACIFIC BELL (U-1001-C). REQUEST TO FREEZE/GRANDFATHER THE FOLLOWING OBSOLETE PURELY ANALOG SERVICES OF SCHEDULE CAL.P.U.C. NO. B3: SERIES 7000 VIDEO CHANNELS, SERIES 10000 PBX CHANNELS, PARALLEL DROP (METALLIC SERVICE), JOINT-USER ARRANGEMENT AND BELL/LIGHTS WARNING SERVICE, AND TO OFFER REPLACEMENT SERVICES.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 18406 FILED ON AUGUST 7, 1996

SUMMARY

This Resolution authorizes Pacific Bell (Pacific) to freeze/grandfather several purely analog services, which are now obsolete, with a steadily declining number of circuits. As replacements for these obsolete services, Pacific offers upgrades to current services, free of initial non-recurring charges. The particular obsolete services are:

Series 7000 Video Channels (31 circuits)
Series 10000 Channels (for PBX connection) (20 circuits)
Parallel Drop (Metallic Service) (12 circuits)
Joint-user Arrangements (19 in service)
Bell and Lights Attack Warning Service (3 circuits)

Nonrecurring charges for replacement services will be waived for 90 days following the effective date of this resolution. There is no replacement for the Bell and Lights Attack Warning Service, and as this is no longer needed, this service will be withdrawn 120 days after the effective date of this resolution.

Any changes in a Frozen/Grandfathered Service will result in the cancellation of that service. All existing customers have been advised and there have been no protests.

BACKGROUND

The Series 7000 Channels are analog circuits for closed-circuit video transmission used specifically for video surveillance. Although there is no immediate need to replace these obsolete circuits, current practice would be to use Analog Video Service (TMEV1) of equivalent bandwidth. The TMEV1 service, though more versatile, would add substantially to the monthly recurring charges for the three customers who are still subscribing to the Series 7000 Video Channels.

The Series 10000 Channels are used primarily to connect customer microwave sites to PBX systems. Replacement services include Analog Voice Grade circuits (if microwave were to be eliminated altogether).

Replacement services for Parallel Drop and Joint-User Arrangements include redundant communication services, customer networks and private shared use agreements. Replacement services for Parallel drop and Joint-User Arrangements are at standard tariffed rates, and provide current technology at comparable charges. Affected existing customers have been advised of the freezing of their analog services and of the availability of these improved services.

There is no replacement service for the Bell and Lights System Attack Warning Service; this is a World War II system to warn of impending air attack and is no longer used or needed. This service will be withdrawn 120 days after the effective date of this resolution.

NOTICE/PROTESTS

Pacific states that copies of Advice Letter No. 18406 and related tariff sheets were mailed to competing and adjacent utilities and/or other utilities, and to interested parties. Customers were notified of the proposed status change. Notice of Advice Letter No. 18406 was published in the Commission Daily Calendar

of August 12, 1996. No protests to this Advice Letter have been received.

DISCUSSION

It is reasonable for Pacific to simplify its operations. Furthermore, it is in the interests of all users to eliminate obsolete circuits. The affected customers benefit also by receiving a superior service at comparable charges (except for the Series 7000 video Channel subscribers). Inasmuch as there have been no objections from those customers, it is anticipated that replacement services have been or will be chosen, when the changeover is opportune.

FINDINGS

1. The following all-analog services are obsolete and should be frozen/grandfathered as soon as possible:

Series 7000 Video Channels (31 circuits)
Series 10000 Channels (for PBX connection) (20 circuits)
Parallel Drop (Metallic Service) (12 circuits)
Joint-user Arrangements (19 in service)
Bell and Lights Attack Warning Service (3 circuits)

2. It is reasonable to change the status of these all-analog circuits immediately to Frozen/Grandfathered Services.

3. It is appropriate for Pacific to waive non-recurring charges for a period of 90 days following the effective date of this Advice Letter for customers using the above services, who convert to alternate services.

4. It is reasonable for Pacific to discontinue the Bell and Lights System Attack Warning Service as this is obsolete, and is no longer used or needed.

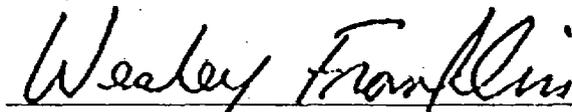
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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

Advice Letter No. 18406 of Pacific Bell is made effective immediately; it and the accompanying tariff sheets should be marked to indicate that they were authorized by California Public Utilities Commission Resolution No. 16076 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 September 3, 1997. The following Commissioners approved it:



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