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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Tech Verb, Inc. for Registration  
as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone  
Corporation pursuant to the Provisions of  
Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

Application 16-02-018  
(Filed February 29, 2016)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING REQUIRING APPLICANT TO  
FILE A RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUEST WITHIN 15 DAYS**

On February 29, 2016, Tech Verb, Inc., a California corporation, (Tech Verb) filed an application for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation pursuant to the provisions of Public Utilities Code Section (Pub. Util. Code §) 1013. The Communications Division (CD) evaluated the application and has identified that the applicant offers consulting and IT services and is also an internet service provider rather than a telephone company. As the CD requested that this application be taken off the ministerial registration track and assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), it has become an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1001. Upon review of Tech Verb's application, the Commission requires the following additional information regarding this application:

- 1) Please describe in detail the services to be provided by Tech Verb? If Tech Verb operates as a switchless reseller, whose services will be resold? Address what technologies and protocols will be used to provide these services, including whether these services will be offered over broadband facilities and whether services will be offered using Time-Division Multiplexing, Internet Protocol or other protocols, including the extent to which the services will be provided over the Public Switched Telephone

Network?, *i.e.*, Voice Over Internet Protocol, including connectivity to the Public Switched Telephone Network.

- 2) Assuming Tech Verb will provide voice telecommunications as indicated in its application, please provide the estimated customer base for the first and fifth years of operation?
- 3) Please state the legal basis on which Tech Verb claims the Commission can grant it the requested CPCN? Among other things, Applicant's response should address Pub. Util. Code §§ 216, 233-234, 239, 710, and 1001; 47 USC 153(43) and 251; and any other statutes or case law Applicant deems relevant. Also state the legal reason(s) that Applicant believes the requested authority is necessary?
- 4) Tech Verb must also show that it has \$100,000 that is reasonably liquid and available to meet its first-year expenses, including deposits required by local exchange carriers or interexchange carriers or has profitable interstate operations to generate the required cash flow.

Pursuant to Decision (D.) 14-11-004, applicants who have profitable interstate operations may meet the minimum financial requirement by submitting an audited balance sheet and income statement demonstrating sufficient cash flow. However, new applicants, such as Tech Verb, are permitted to use any of the following financial instruments to satisfy the applicable unencumbered cash requirements established by D.14-11-004:

- a. Cash or cash equivalent, including cashier's check, sight draft, performance bond proceeds, or traveler's checks;
- b. Certificate of deposit or other liquid deposit, with a reputable bank or other financial institution;
- c. Preferred stock proceeds or other corporate shareholder equity, provided that use is restricted to maintenance of working capital for a period of at least twelve (12) months beyond certification of the applicant by the Commission;

- d. Letter of credit, issued by a reputable bank or other financial institution, irrevocable for a period of at least twelve (12) months beyond certification of the applicant by the Commission;
- e. Line of credit or other loan, issued by a reputable bank or other financial institution, irrevocable for a period of at least twelve (12) months beyond certification of the applicant by the Commission, and payable on an interest-only basis for the same period;
- f. Loan, issued by a qualified subsidiary, affiliate of applicant, or a qualified corporation holding controlling interest in the applicant, irrevocable for a period of at least twelve (12) months beyond certification of the applicant by the Commission, and payable on an interest-only basis for the same period;
- g. Guarantee, issued by a corporation, co-partnership, or other person or association, irrevocable for a period of at least twelve (12) months beyond certification of the applicant by the Commission; and
- h. Guarantee, issued by a qualified subsidiary, affiliate of applicant, or a qualified corporation holding controlling interest in the applicant, irrevocable for a period of at least twelve (12) months beyond the certification of the applicant by the Commission.

If there are questions regarding the required information, Tech Verb may contact the assigned ALJ, John A. Mikita, at (415) 703-3386 or [John.Mikita@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:John.Mikita@cpuc.ca.gov).

**IT IS RULED** that Applicant must provide within 15 days of the date of this Ruling: i) a detailed description of the services to be provided by Tech Verb, Inc. (Tech Verb); ii) the legal basis on which Tech Verb claims the Commission can grant it

the requested Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity; and iii) Proof of Tech Verb's financial resources as indicated above.

Dated August 5, 2016, at San Francisco, California.

          /s/ JOHN A. MIKITA            
John A. Mikita  
Administrative Law Judge