Decision 18-05-031 May 31,2018

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Broadwing Communications, LLC (U5525C) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Order to Provide Limited Facilities-Based and Resold Competitive Local Exchange Service.

Application 17-08-023

DECISION GRANTING BROADWING COMMUNICATIONS, LLC A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE LIMITED FACILITIES BASED AND RESOLD LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

Summary

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 1001, we grant Broadwing Communications, LLC a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide competitive limited facilities based and resold local exchange services in California subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Ordering Paragraphs.

This proceeding is closed.

1. Background

On August 10, 2017, Broadwing Communications (Broadwing), a limited liability corporation in California filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to provide competitive limited facilities based and resold local exchange telecommunications services in the service territories of Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California (AT&T), Frontier California Inc. (Frontier California)¹, Citizens Telecommunications Company of California, Inc. d/b/a Frontier Communications of California (Frontier Communications), and Consolidated Communications of California Company (Consolidated, formerly SureWest Telephone²) in California.

Broadwing was granted authority to operate as an interexchange carrier on February 7, 2002 in Commission Decision 02-02-003.

In A. 17-08-023, Broadwing proposes to provide local exchange and access services to other providers on a wholesale basis and to enterprise business end users in California. Broadwing provides its services using unbundled network elements (UNEs) obtained from incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) through interconnection agreements (ICAs) and services or facilities of other competitive carriers.

Broadwing's principal place of business is located at 1025 Eldorado Boulevard, Broomfield, Colorado 80021. The Prehearing Conference (PHC) took place in San Francisco, California on March 20, 2018. Broadwing and the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) discussed issues presented by the Application, the schedule, and other relevant procedural matters.

¹ Frontier California was formerly Verizon California, Inc. (Verizon). As of April 1, 2016, Verizon's operations in California were acquired and are now operated by Frontier California, Inc., pursuant to Decision (D.) 15-12-005.

² SureWest Telephone was acquired by Consolidated Communications Inc. in 2012, pursuant to D.12-06-004, and SureWest Telephone changed its name to Consolidated Communications of California Company as of January 1, 2016.

2. Jurisdiction

Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) § 216(a) defines the term "Public utility" to include a "telephone corporation," which in turn is defined in Pub. Util. Code § 234(a) as "every corporation or person owning, controlling, operating, or managing any telephone line for compensation within this state."

Broadwing proposes to provide competitive local exchange and access services to other providers on a wholesale basis and to enterprise business end users in California. Broadwing provides its services using unbundled network elements (UNEs) obtained from ILECs through ICAs and services or facilities of other competitive carriers. Broadwing is a telephone corporation and a public utility subject to our jurisdiction.

Broadwing provided certification that it is a Common Carrier as defined by § 153 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) eligible to interconnect with the public switched telephone network pursuant to § 251 and § 252 of the Act, and that if granted a CPCN, it will operate as a telephone corporation under Pub. Util. Code § 234(a), and obey the Pub. Util. Code and all Commission rules, decisions, and orders applicable to telephone corporations.

3. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)³ and Rule 2.4, the Commission acts as the designated lead agency to consider the environmental consequences of projects that are subject to our approval in order that adverse effects are avoided, alternatives are investigated, and environmental quality is restored or enhanced to the fullest extent possible. Since Broadwing

³ Public Resources Code § 21000 *et seq*.

states that it does not intend to construct any facilities other than equipment to be installed in existing buildings or structures, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that granting this application will have an adverse impact upon the environment. Before it can construct facilities other than equipment to be installed in existing buildings or structures, Broadwing must file for additional authority, and submit to any necessary CEQA review.

4. Financial Qualifications

To be granted a CPCN, an applicant for authority to provide competitive limited and resold local exchange services must demonstrate that it has a minimum of \$100,000 cash or cash equivalent, reasonably liquid and readily available to meet the firm's start-up expenses.⁴ An applicant must also demonstrate that it has sufficient additional resources to cover all deposits required by local exchange carriers and/or interexchange carriers in order to provide the proposed service.⁵

In its application, Broadwing provided supporting documentation that it carried \$100,000 plus an amount equal to the deposit required by AT&T, Frontier California, Frontier Communications, and Consolidated would be available to Broadwing for one year following certification. Since Broadwing has provided documentation that it possesses a minimum of \$100,000 that is reasonably liquid and available, it has demonstrated that it has sufficient funds to meet its start-up

⁴ The financial requirement for Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC) is contained in D.95-12-056, Appendix C. The financial requirement for Non-Dominant Interexchange Carriers (NDIEC) is contained in D.91-10-041.

⁵ The requirement for Competitive Local Carrier (CLC) applicants to demonstrate that they have additional financial resources to meet any deposits required by underlying Local Exchange Carriers (LEC) and/or IECs is set forth in D.95-12-056, Appendix C. For NDIECs, the requirement is found in D.93-05-010.

expenses and has fulfilled this requirement. Broadwing's financial documentation will be subject to verification and review by the Commission for one year to ensure that such funds are available.

Broadwing proposed to initially interconnect with AT&T, Frontier California, Frontier Communications, and Consolidated. In addition to the \$100,000, discussed above, Broadwing has provided documentation that it has the funds available for the deposit required by AT&T, Frontier California, Frontier Communications, and Consolidated. Therefore, no additional resources are required at this time to cover deposits.

5. Technical Qualifications

To be granted a CPCN for authority to provide competitive local exchange and interexchange service, an applicant must make a reasonable showing of managerial and technical expertise in telecommunications or a related business.⁶ Broadwing supplied biographical information on its management in Exhibit G to its application that demonstrates it has sufficient expertise and training to operate as a telecommunications provider.

In its application, Broadwing verified that no one associated with or employed by Broadwing as an affiliate, officer, director, partner, or owner of more than ten percent of Broadwing: (a) held one of these positions with a company that filed for bankruptcy; (b) been personally found liable, or held one of these positions with a company that has been found liable, for fraud, dishonesty, failure to disclose, or misrepresentations to consumers or others; (c) been convicted of a felony; (d) been the subject of a criminal referral by judge

⁶ D. 95-12-056 at Appendix C, Rule 4.A.

or public agency; (e) had a telecommunications license or operating authority denied, suspended, revoked, or limited in any jurisdiction; (f) personally entered into a settlement, or held one of these positions with a company that has entered into settlement of criminal or civil claims involving violations of §§ 17000, et seq., §§ 17200, et seq., or §§ 17500, et seq., of the California Business & Professions Code, or of any other statute, regulation, or decisional law relating to fraud, dishonesty, failure to disclose, or misrepresentations to consumers or others; (g) been found to have violated any statute, law, or rule pertaining to public utilities or other regulated industries; (h) entered into any settlement agreements or made any voluntary payments or agreed to any other type of monetary forfeitures in resolution of any action by any regulatory body, agency, or attorney general; or (i) is being, or has been investigated by the Federal Communications Commission or any law enforcement or regulatory agency for failure to comply with any law, rule or order.⁷

For the above reasons, we find that Broadwing is in compliance with the requirements of D.95-12-056.

6. Tariffs

Broadwing has requested detariffed status and may be exempt from the requirement to file tariffs provided that Broadwing complies with the consumer protection rules identified in D.98-08-031. We have approved detariffed status for other carriers similarly situated, and we do so here.

⁷ These certifications are required by D.13-05-035, Ordering Paragraph 14.

7. Map of Service Territory

To be granted a CPCN for authority to provide competitive local exchange service, an applicant must provide a map of the service territories it proposes to serve.⁸ In its Response, Broadwing provided a map of the location of its proposed service territory, in compliance with this requirement.

8. Expected Customer Base

Broadwing provided its estimated customer base for the first and fifth years of operation in Confidential Exhibit J of its application. Therefore, Broadwing has complied with this requirement.

9. Safety Considerations

With the adoption of the *Safety Policy Statement of the California Public Utilities Commission* on July 10, 2014, the Commission has, among other things, heightened its focus on the potential safety implications of every proceeding. We have considered the potential safety implications here. We feel satisfied that Broadwing will meet the Commission's minimum safety goals and expectations of competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) because: (1) Broadwing has taken steps to meet the financial requirements as set forth in this decision for a facilities-based CLEC, and (2) Broadwing is a public utility that is required pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 451 to "… furnish and maintain such adequate, efficient, just and reasonable service, instrumentalities, equipment, and facilities, including telephone facilities … as are necessary to promote the safety, health, comfort, and convenience of its patrons, employees, and the public."

⁸ D.95-12-056 at Appendix C, Rule 4.E.

10. Conclusion

We conclude that the application conforms to our rules for certification as a competitive local exchange and interexchange carrier. Accordingly, we grant Broadwing a CPCN to provide resold and competitive limited facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications service in the service territory of AT&T, Frontier California, Frontier Communications, and Consolidated service in California subject to compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Ordering Paragraphs.

The CPCN granted by this decision provides benefits to Broadwing and corresponding obligations. Broadwing receives authority to operate in the prescribed service territory, and this authority enables Broadwing, pursuant to section 251 of the 1934 Communications Act, as amended by the 1996 Telecommunications Act (47 U.S.C. 251), to interconnect with telecommunications carriers.⁹ This authority also enables Broadwing to obtain access to public rights-of-way in California as set forth in D.98-10-058, subject to the CEQA requirements set forth in this decision.

In return, Broadwing is obligated to comply with all Public Utilities Code provisions, Commission rules, General Orders, and decisions applicable to telephone corporations providing approved services. The applicable statutes, rules, General Orders, and decisions include, but are not limited to consumer protection rules, tariffing, and reporting requirements. Moreover, Broadwing is obligated to pay all Commission prescribed user fees and public purpose program surcharges as set forth in the Appendix B of this decision, to comply

⁹ The California Public Utilities Code uses the term "telephone corporation." Its counterpart in federal law is a "telecommunications carrier."

with CEQA, and to adhere to Pub. Util. Code § 451 which states that every public utility "...shall furnish and maintain such adequate, efficient, just, and reasonable service, instrumentalities, equipment, and facilities, including telephone facilities, as defined in § 54.1 of the Civil Code, as are necessary to promote the safety, health, comfort, and convenience of its patrons, employees, and the public."

11. Request to File Under Seal

Pursuant to Rule 11.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Broadwing has filed motions for leave to file Exhibits F-2, F-4, I and J to the application as confidential materials under seal. Broadwing represents that the information is sensitive, and disclosure could place Broadwing at an unfair business disadvantage. We have granted similar requests in the past and do so here.

12. Categorization and Need for Hearings

In Resolution ALJ 176-3404 dated September 14, 2017, the Commission preliminarily categorized this application as ratesetting, and preliminarily determined that hearings were not necessary. No protests have been received. There is no apparent reason why the application should not be granted. Given these developments, a public hearing is not necessary, and it is not necessary to disturb the preliminary determinations.

13. Waiver of Comment Period

This is an uncontested matter in which the decision grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to § 311(g)(2) of the Public Utilities Code and Rule 14.6(c)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is waived.

14. Assignment of Proceeding

Carla J. Peterman is the assigned Commissioner and Colin R. Rizzo is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. Notice of the application appeared on the Daily Calendar on September 6, 2017. No protests have been filed. A hearing is not required.

2. Broadwing is a telephone corporation and a public utility as defined in Pub. Util. Code § 234(a) and § 216(a).

3. Broadwing will not construct any facilities other than equipment to be installed in existing buildings or structures.

4. Broadwing has a minimum of \$100,000 of cash or cash equivalent that is reasonably liquid and readily available to meet its start-up expenses.

5. Broadwing has sufficient additional cash or cash equivalent to cover deposits that may be required by other telephone corporations in order to provide the proposed service.

6. Broadwing's management possesses sufficient experience, knowledge, and technical expertise to provide local exchange services to the public.

7. No one associated with or employed by Broadwing as an affiliate, officer, director, partner, agent, or owner of more than ten percent of Broadwing: (a) held one of these positions with a company that filed for bankruptcy; (b) been personally found liable, or held one of these positions with a company that has been found liable, for fraud, dishonesty, failure to disclose, or misrepresentations to consumers or others; (c) been convicted of a felony; (d) been the subject of a criminal referral by judge or public agency; (e) had a telecommunications license or operating authority denied, suspended, revoked, or limited in any jurisdiction; (f) personally entered into a settlement, or held one of these

positions with a company that has entered into settlement of criminal or civil claims involving violations of §§ 17000, et seq., §§ 17200, et seq., or §§ 17500, et seq., of the California Business & Professions Code, or of any other statute, regulation, or decisional law relating to fraud, dishonesty, failure to disclose, or misrepresentations to consumers or others; (g) been found to have violated any statute, law, or rule pertaining to public utilities or other regulated industries; (h) entered into any settlement agreements or made any voluntary payments or agreed to any other type of monetary forfeitures in resolution of any action by any regulatory body, agency, or attorney general; or (i) is being, or has been investigated by the Federal Communications Commission or any law enforcement or regulatory agency for failure to comply with any law, rule or order.

8. Broadwing provided a map of the location of its proposed service territory.

9. Broadwing provided an estimate of its customer base for the first and fifth year of operation.

10. Pursuant to Rule 11.4, Broadwing filed motions for leave to file confidential materials under seal, including: Exhibits: Exhibits F-2, F-4, I and J.

Conclusions of Law

1. Broadwing should be granted a CPCN to provide competitive limited facilities based and resold local exchange telecommunications service in the service territories of AT&T, Frontier California, Frontier Communications, Consolidated and interexchange service in California, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Ordering Paragraphs.

2. Broadwing should be granted competitive limited facilities-based authority and may not construct any facilities other than equipment to be installed in existing buildings or structures.

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3. Broadwing, once granted a CPCN, should be subject to the applicable Commission rules, decisions, General Orders, and statutes that pertain to California public utilities.

4. Broadwing has requested detariffed status and may be exempt from the requirement to file tariffs provided that Broadwing complies with the consumer protection rules identified in D.98-08-031. We have approved detariffed status for other carriers similarly situated, and we do so here.

5. Broadwing's motion to file under seal its Exhibits F-2, F-4, I and J.to the application, should be granted for three years.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Broadwing Communications, LLC to provide competitive limited facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications services in the territories of Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, Frontier California Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company of California, Inc. d/b/a/ Frontier Communications of California, and Consolidated Communications of California Company, and/or interexchange service in California, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

2. The corporate identification number assigned to Broadwing Communication, LLC, U-5525-C, must be included in the caption of all original filings with this Commission, and in the titles of other pleadings filed in existing cases.

3. Broadwing Communication, LLC must file, in this docket, a written acceptance of the certificate granted in this proceeding within 30 days of the

effective date of this decision. Written acceptance filed in this docket does not reopen the proceeding.

4. The certificate granted by this decision will expire if not exercised within12 months of the effective date of this decision.

5. Broadwing Communication, LLC must notify the Director of the Communications Division in writing at <u>cdcompliance @cpuc.ca.gov</u> of the date that local exchange service is first rendered to the public, no later than five days after service first begins.

6. Broadwing Communication, LLC (Broadwing) must obtain a performance bond of at least \$25,000 in accordance with Decision 13-05-035. The performance bond must be a continuous bond (i.e., there is no termination date on the bond) issued by a corporate surety company authorized to transact surety business in California, and the Commission must be listed as the obligee on the bond. Within five days of acceptance of its certificate of public convenience and necessity authority, Broadwing must submit a Tier-1 advice letter Communications Division, containing a copy of the license holder's executed bond, and submit a Tier-1 advice letter annually, but not later than March 31, with a copy of the executed bond.

7. Broadwing Communication, LLC must not allow its performance bond to lapse during any period of its operation. Pursuant to Decision 13-05-035, the Commission may revoke a certificate of public convenience and necessity if a carrier is more than 120 days late in providing the Communications Division a copy of its executed performance bond and the carrier has not been granted an extension of time by the Communications Division.

8. In addition to all the requirements applicable to competitive local exchange carriers and interexchange carriers included in Attachments B, C, and D to this

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decision, Broadwing Communication, LLC is subject to the Consumer Protection Rules contained in General Order 168, and all applicable Commission rules, decisions, General Orders, and statutes that pertain to California public utilities.

9. Broadwing Communication, LLC must pay the public purpose surcharges specified in Attachment B, and the Combined California Public Utilities Commission Telephone Surcharge Transmittal Form must be submitted even if the amount due is \$0.

10. Broadwing Communication, LLC must pay an annual minimum user fee of \$100 or 0.33 percent of gross intrastate revenue, whichever is greater. Under Public Utilities Code § 405, carriers that are in default of reporting and submitting user fees for a period of 30 days or more will be subject to penalties including suspension or revocation of their authority to operate in California.

11. Prior to initiating service, Broadwing Communication, LLC must provide the Commission's Consumer Affairs Branch with the name(s), address(es), and telephone number(s) of its designated contact person(s) for purposes of resolving consumer complaints. This information must be updated if the name(s), address(es), or telephone number(s) change, or at least annually.

12. Prior to initiating service, Broadwing Communication, LLC must provide the Commission's Communications Division with the name(s), address(es), and telephone number(s) of its designated regulatory/official contact person(s). This information must be provided electronically, using the "Regulatory/Official Contact Information Update Request" found at

<u>http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/communications</u>. This information must be updated if the name or telephone number changes, or at least annually.

13. Broadwing Communication, LLC must submit an affiliate transaction report to the Director of the Communications Division at

<u>cdcomplaice@cpuc.ca.gov</u>, in compliance with Decision 93-02-019, on a calendar year basis using the form contained in Attachment D.

14. Broadwing Communication, LLC must submit an annual report to the Director of the Communications Division at <u>cdcompliance@cpuc.ca.gov</u>, in compliance with General Order 104-A, on a calendar-year basis with the information contained in Attachment C to this decision.

15. Broadwing Communication, LLC must not construct any facilities other than equipment installed in existing buildings or structures.

16. Broadwing Communication, LLC's (Broadwing) motion to file under seal its Exhibit Exhibits F-2, F-4, I and J is granted for a period of three years after the date of this decision. During this three year period, this information shall not be publicly disclosed except on further Commission order or Administrative Law Judge ruling. If Broadwing believes that it is necessary for this information to remain under seal for longer than three years, Broadwing may file a new motion showing good cause for extending this order by no later than 30 days before the expiration of this order.

17. Application 17-08-023 is closed.

This decision is effective today.

Dated May 31, 2018, at San Francisco, California.

MICHAEL PICKER President CARLA J. PETERMAN LIANE M. RANDOLPH MARTHA GUZMAN ACEVES CLIFFORD RECHTSCHAFFEN Commissioners

ATTACHMENT A

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(END OF ATTACHMENT A)

ATTACHMENT B

REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS AND INTEREXCHANGE CARRIERS

1. Applicant must file, in this docket with reference to this decision number,¹ a written acceptance of the certificate granted in this proceeding within 30 days of the effective date of this order.

2. The certificate granted and the authority to render service under the rates, charges, and rules authorized will expire if not exercised within 12 months of the date of this decision.

3. Applicant is subject to the following fees and surcharges that must be regularly remitted. Per the instructions in Exhibit E to Decision (D.) 00-10-028, the Combined California PUC Telephone Surcharge Transmittal Form must be submitted even if the amount due is \$0.

- a. The Universal Lifeline Telephone Service Trust Administrative Committee Fund (Pub. Util. Code § 879);
- b. The California Relay Service and Communications Devices Fund (Pub. Util. Code § 2881; D.98-12-073);
- c. The California High Cost Fund-A (Pub. Util. Code § 739.3; D.96-10-066, at 3-4, App. B, Rule 1.C);
- d. The California High Cost Fund-B (D.96-10-066, at 191, App. B, Rule 6.F.; D.07-12-054);
- e. The California Advanced Services Fund (D.07-12-054);
- f. The California Teleconnect Fund (D.96-10-066, at 88, App. B, Rule 8.G).

¹ Written acceptance filed in this docket does not reopen the proceeding.

g. The User Fee provided in Pub. Util. Code §§ 431-435. The minimum annual User Fee is \$100, as set forth in D.13-05-035.

Note: These fees change periodically. In compliance with Resolution T-16901, December 2, 2004, Applicant must check the joint tariff for surcharges and fees filed by Pacific Bell Telephone Company (dba AT&T California) and apply the current surcharge and fee amounts in that joint tariff on end-user bills until further revised. Current and historical surcharge rates can be found at

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=1124.

- Carriers must report and remit CPUC telephone program surcharges online using the CPUC Telecommunications and User Fees Filing System (TUFFS). Information and instructions for online reporting and payment of surcharges are available at <u>http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=1010</u>. To request a user ID and password for TUFFS online filing and for questions, please e-mail <u>Telco_surcharges@cpuc.ca.gov</u>.
- ii. Carriers must submit and pay the PUC User Fee (see Item 3.g above) upon receiving the User Fee statement sent by the Commission. Instructions for reporting filing are available at <u>http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=1009</u>. Please call (415) 703-2470 for questions regarding User Fee reporting and payment.

4. If Applicant is a competitive local exchange carrier (CLC), the effectiveness of its future tariffs is subject to the requirements of General Order 96-B and the Telecommunications Industry Rules (D.07-09-019).

5. If Applicant is a non-dominant interexchange carrier (NDIEC), the effectiveness of its future NDIEC tariffs is subject to the requirement of General Order 96-B and the Telecommunications Industry Rules (D.07-09-019).

6. Tariff filings must reflect all fees and surcharges to which Applicant is subject, as reflected in Item 3 above.

7. Applicant must obtain a performance bond of at least \$25,000 in accordance with Decision 13-05-035. The performance bond must be a continuous bond (i.e., there is no termination date on the bond) issued by a corporate surety company authorized to transact surety business in California, and the Commission must be listed as the obligee on the bond. Within five days of acceptance of its certificate of public convenience and necessity authority, Applicant must submit a Tier-1 advice letter to the Communications Division, containing a copy of the license holder's executed bond, and submit a Tier-1 advice letter annually, but not later than March 31, with a copy of the executed bond.

8. Applicant must not allow its performance bond to lapse during any period of its operation. Pursuant to Decision 13-05-035, the Commission may revoke a certificate of public convenience and necessity if a carrier is more than 120 days late in providing the Communications Division a copy of its executed performance bond and the carrier has not been granted an extension of time by the Communications Division.

9. Applicants providing local exchange service must submit to the Communications Division a service area map as part of their initial tariff.

10. Prior to initiating service, Applicant must provide the Commission's Consumer Affairs Branch with the name(s), address(es), and telephone number(s) of its designated contact person(s) for purposes of resolving consumer complaints. This information must be updated if the name(s), address(es), and telephone number(s) change, or at least annually.

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11. Applicant must provide the Commission's Communications Division with the name(s), address(es), and telephone number(s) of its designated regulatory/official contact persons(s). This information must be provided electronically, using the "Regulatory/Official Contact Information Update Request" found at <u>http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/communications</u>. This information must be updated if the name(s), address(es), and telephone number(s) change, or at least annually.

12. Applicant must notify the Director of the Communications Division in writing at <u>cdcompliance@cpuc.ca.gov</u>, no later than five days after service first begins, of the date that local exchange service is first rendered to the public.

13. Applicant must keep its books and records in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

14. In the event Applicant's books and records are required for inspection by the Commission or its staff, it must either produce such records at the Commission's offices or reimburse the Commission for the reasonable costs incurred in having Commission staff travel to its office.

15. Applicant must submit an annual report to the Director of the Communications Division at <u>cdcompliance@cpuc.ca.gov</u>, in compliance with GO 104-A, on a calendar-year basis with the information contained in Attachment C to this decision.

16. Applicant must submit an affiliate transaction report to the Director of the Communications Division at <u>cdcompliance@cpuc.ca.gov</u>, in compliance with D.93-02-019, on a calendar-year basis using the form contained in Attachment D.

17. Applicant must ensure that its employees comply with the provisions of Pub. Util. Code § 2889.5 regarding solicitation of customers.

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18. Within 60 days of the effective date of this order, Applicant must comply with Pub. Util. Code § 708, Employee Identification Cards, and notify the Director of the Communications Division in writing of its compliance.

19. If Applicant is 90 days or more late in filing an annual report, or in remitting the surcharges and fee listed in #3 above, and has not received written permission from the Communications Division to submit or remit late, the Communications Division must prepare for Commission consideration a resolution that revokes Applicant's CPCN.

20. Applicant is exempt from Rule 3.1(b) of the Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure

21. Applicant is exempt from Pub. Util. Code §§ 816-830.

22. Applicant is exempt from the requirements of Pub. Util. Code § 851 for the transfer or encumbrance of property whenever such transfer or encumbrance serves to secure debt.

23. If Applicant decides to discontinue service or file for bankruptcy, it must immediately notify the Communications Division's Bankruptcy Coordinator.

24. Applicant must send a copy of this decision to concerned local permitting agencies no later than 30 days from the date of this order.

(END OF ATTACHMENT B)

ATTACHMENT C

ANNUAL REPORT

An original and a machine readable, copy using Microsoft Word or compatible format must be submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 3107, San Francisco, CA 94102-3298, no later than March 31st of the year following the calendar year for which the annual report is submitted.

Failure to submit this information on time may result in a penalty as provided for in Pub. Util. Code §§ 2107 and 2108.

Required information:

- 1. Exact legal name and U # of the reporting utility.
- 2. Address.
- 3. Name, title, address, and telephone number of the person to be contacted concerning the reported information.
- 4. Name and title of the officer having custody of the general books of account and the address of the office where such books are kept.
- 5. Type of organization (*e.g.*, corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.).

If incorporated, specify:

- a. Date of filing articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State.
- b. State in which incorporated.
- 6. Number and date of the Commission decision granting the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.
- 7. Date operations were begun.
- 8. Description of other business activities in which the utility is engaged.
- 9. List of all affiliated companies and their relationship to the utility. State if affiliate is a:
 - a. Regulated public utility.
 - b. Publicly held corporation.

- 10. Balance sheet as of December 31st of the year for which information is submitted.
- 11. Income statement for California operations for the calendar year for which information is submitted.
- 12. Cash Flow statement as of December 31st of the calendar year for which information is submitted, for California operations only.

For answers to any questions concerning this report, call (415) 703-2883.

(END OF ATTACHMENT C)

ATTACHMENT D

CALENDAR YEAR AFFILIATE TRANSACTION REPORT

An original and a machine readable, copy using Microsoft Word and Excel, or compatible format must be submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 3107, San Francisco, CA 94102-3298, no later than May 1st of the year following the calendar year for which the annual report is submitted.

1. Each utility must list and provide the following information for each affiliated entity and regulated subsidiary that the utility had during the period covered by the Annual Affiliate Transaction Report.

- Form of organization (*e.g.*, corporation, partnership, joint venture, strategic alliance, etc.);
- Brief description of business activities engaged in;
- Relationship to the utility (*e.g.,* controlling corporation, subsidiary, regulated subsidiary, affiliate);
- Ownership of the utility (including type and percent ownership)
- Voting rights held by the utility and percent; and
- Corporate officers.

2. The utility must prepare and submit a corporate organization chart showing any and all corporate relationships between the utility and its affiliated entities and regulated subsidiaries in #1 above. The chart must have the controlling corporation (if any) at the top of the chart, the utility and any subsidiaries and/or affiliates of the controlling corporation in the middle levels of the chart, and all secondary subsidiaries and affiliates (e.g., a subsidiary that in

turn is owned by another subsidiary and/or affiliate) in the lower levels. Any regulated subsidiary must be clearly noted.

3. For a utility that has individuals who are classified as "controlling corporations" of the competitive utility, the utility must only report under the requirements of #1 and #2 above any affiliated entity that either (a) is a public utility or (b) transacts any business with the utility filing the annual report excluding the provision of tariff services.

4. Each annual report must be signed by a corporate officer of the utility stating under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California (CCP 2015.5) that the annual report is complete and accurate with no material omissions.

5. Any required material that a utility is unable to provide must be reasonably described and the reasons the data cannot be obtained, as well as the efforts expended to obtain the information, must be set forth in the utility's Annual Affiliate Transaction Report and verified in accordance with Section I-F of Decision 93-02-019.

6. Utilities that do not have affiliated entities must submit, in lieu of the annual transaction report, an annual statement to the Commission stating that the utility had no affiliated entities during the report period. This statement must be signed by a corporate officer of the utility, stating under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California (CCP 2015.5) that the annual report is complete and accurate with no material omissions.

(END OF ATTACHMENT D)

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