

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA****Communications Division  
Carrier Branch****RESOLUTION T-17176****R E S O L U T I O N**

Resolution T-17176, AT&T California (U-1001-C), Requests Authority to Modify its Filed Tariff Schedule Cal. P.U.C. A5.10, Exchange Services, Exchange Area Maps, in Order to Provide Service to a New Customer from AT&T's Dixon Exchange.

By Advice Letter No. 32853, filed on June 6, 2008.

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**Summary**

This Executive Director Action Resolution authorizes AT&T California (AT&T) to modify its filed tariff schedule Cal. P.U.C. A5.10 Exchange Services, Exchange Area Maps, in order to provide telephone service to a new customer by extending the boundary of AT&T's Dixon Exchange. This extension of AT&T's Dixon exchange will result in a Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) boundary change, requiring approval by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). In the past, LATA boundary changes have been approved by the FCC after review by the local Commission (in this case the California Public Utilities Commission) that changing the LATA boundary is in the public interest.

**Background**

By Advice Letter (AL) No. 32853, filed on June 6, 2008, AT&T requests authority to extend the Dixon exchange by 0.697 square miles to the west into the San Francisco LATA from the Sacramento LATA. At the time of filing AT&T reported the address of the new customer as:

| <u>Address</u> | <u>Exchange</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 6225 Hay Road  | Vacaville       |

## **Notice/Protests**

AT&T states that copies of AL No. 32853 have been mailed to competing and adjacent utilities and interested parties. Notice of AL No. 32853 was published in the Commission Daily Calendar on June 11, 2008. No protest to this AL has been received.

## **Discussion**

AT&T filed AL 32853 to extend westward 0.697 square miles of AT&T's Dixon Exchange in the Sacramento LATA into its Vacaville Exchange in the San Francisco LATA in order to provide service to a new customer. AT&T's requested boundary realignment will enable the Utility to serve a waste management facility providing vital services to the local community from its Dixon exchange.

According to AT&T's filed exchange tariffs the customer's (NorCal Waste Systems) designated exchange is Vacaville. Absent a tariff change, the customer must be provided local service from the Vacaville exchange. However, AT&T states in its filing that it would be more economical and efficient to serve the customer from the Dixon exchange. Extending the Dixon exchange boundary cannot be accomplished using the CPUC's established process because it would involve changing a LATA boundary line (created during AT&T's divestiture). Therefore, AT&T must obtain permission from the FCC before it can modify its local exchange boundaries.

In AL 32853, AT&T stated in its filing that it is the only provider with facilities in this rural area, and that serving the customer from it's designated Vacaville exchange is not practical or desirable because:

1. AT&T would have to install 4.37 miles of new cable at a cost of over \$200,000.
2. Design and construction of new facilities would take six (6) months.
3. Construction of new facilities would be disruptive to over 40 property owners.

In AL 32853, AT&T states it can provide the services required by the customer in a timely and cost effective manner from its Dixon exchange without disruption of service, or to the surrounding community. This boundary modification change will not increase any rate or charge, nor cause the withdrawal of service, nor conflict with any other schedule or rules.

AT&T therefore requests in AL 32853 a change from its tariffs to allow the modification to the Dixon exchange boundary in order to serve the new customer in its filing. AT&T requests the Executive Director of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to authorize the modification of the Dixon exchange boundary because it is in the public interest.

In the interim, pending the LATA and exchange boundary modifications, AT&T is concurrently filing an advice letter with the Communications Division pursuant to a twelve month contract to provide service to the new customer.

Resolution T-9599, dated March 29, 1977, authorizes the Executive Director to grant requests by communications utilities to deviate from filed tariffs for customers whose exchange services are affected by a utility initiated boundary realignment or serving central office rearrangement and the customer wishes to retain its existing service.

The Communications Division (CD) has reviewed AT&T AL No. 32853. CD concludes that AT&T's request for authority to change its filed tariff schedule Cal. P.U.C. A5.10, Exchange Service, Exchange Area Maps, to provide service to its new customer is reasonable, and in the public interest. CD recommends that the Commission approve these filings.

Commission approval is based on the specifics of this Advice Letter and does not establish a precedent for the contents of future filings or for Commission approval of similar requests.

### Findings

1. AT&T requests the authority to modify its filed tariff schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A5.10, Exchange Service, Exchange Area Maps, to provide service to its new customer. The modification to the boundary of the Dixon exchange will also result in a LATA boundary change from the Sacramento LATA to the San Francisco LATA.
2. AT&T will submit the Dixon exchange boundary change in a LATA boundary change filing to the Federal Communications Commission.
3. The customer in question did not have service at the time of the filing of AL No. 32853. The customer address is:

| <u>Address</u> | <u>Exchange</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 6225 Hay Road  | Vacaville       |

3. The customer in question will not incur any additional costs as a result of this boundary change modification.

4. AT&T has notified the customer in question of its proposed boundary modification.
5. A boundary modification of the Dixon exchange, as AT&T requests, would be in the best interest and the most cost effective method of providing service to the customer in question
6. The authorization of the boundary change by the Executive Director of the CPUC will be submitted in filing for a LATA boundary change to the FCC.
7. AT&T has filed an Advice Letter No. 32963 with the Communications Division for a twelve month contract to provide service to the customer in question pending authorization of the Dixon boundary exchange by the Executive Director of the CPUC.
8. After reviewing AL No. 32853, CD recommends that the Commission approve this filing.
9. Pursuant to the authority granted the Executive Director in Resolution No. T-9599, AT&T's request to modify its filed tariff schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A5.10, for the address identified in Finding No. 3 above, is just and reasonable and should be granted.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:**

1. AT&T's request to modify the Dixon exchange boundary filed tariff schedule in order to provide service to the customer in question in this resolution, Cal. P.U.C. No. A5.10, Exchange Service, Exchange Area Maps, is granted.

This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by Executive Action Resolution on

October 9, 2008.

/s/ Paul Clanon

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Executive Director