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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AM A2411008

Application of Greenfield Communications, Inc. for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation Pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

Application 24-11-008

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING DIRECTING FILING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WITHIN 10 DAYS

This ruling directs Greenfield Communications Inc. to file and serve a response to this request for additional information within 10 days of the prehearing conference, by April 4, 2025.

1. Background

Application (A.) 24-11-008 was filed pursuant to Pub. Util. (Pub. Util.) Code Section 1013, through a simplified registration process. A Notice of Registration Reassignment was filed and served on Greenfield Communications, Inc. (Greenfield or Applicant) on January 8, 2025, notifying Applicant that their application does not qualify for the simplified registration process, and notifying Applicant that any further review could only proceed as an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) pursuant to Pub. Util. Code Section 1001.

Greenfield paid the required difference between the Section 1013 registration fee and the Section 1001 CPCN application fee and is proceeding with an application for a CPCN.

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The remote prehearing conference took place on March 25, 2025, via Webex. Applicant Greenfield was present.

2. Discussion

Upon review of A.24-11-008, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requires additional information in order to review the Application. Greenfield is directed to provide the five items listed as follows:

- A. Re-seller agreement between Greenfield and Clearly IP Inc..
- B. Confirmation that all Public Purpose Program Surcharges are up to date and were paid by Clearly IP, and if they are not up to date when did the payments cease.
- C. Greenfield is directed to suggest a penalty, preferable in a range, for the Commission's consideration, to avoid the need for an order to show cause to determine a penalty. Greenfield admitted that a prior license was revoked and was not disclosed on the application. Greenfield should provide an explanation why the suggested penalty is reasonable and discuss the penalty factors in Decision (D.) 18-12-075, including (1) the severity of the offense; (2) the conduct of the utility; (3) totality of the circumstances; (4) financial resources of the utility; and (5) the role of precedent.
- D. Provide the settlement agreement in the prior litigation discussed at the prehearing conference.
- E. Provide the required financial documentation referred to in Question 11 of the Application, which includes one of the financial instruments identified in D.24-11-003 Appendix F for the Commission to complete its review of this application.

Pursuant to D.24-11-003, the aforementioned financial information is given presumptive confidentiality for a period of three years without the need for motion to file under seal. Please review the following resources on the Commission's *Information for Telecommunications Applicant and Registrants in*

California website: (1) D.24-11-003 Appendix F: Acceptable Financial Instrument, (2) Special CPCN instructions for Filing Presumptively Confidential Information pursuant to D.24-11-003, and (3) the CPCN Statement of Confidentiality Template.¹

If there are clarifications needed regarding the required information, Applicant may contact the assigned Administrative Law Judge by email at Theresa.Moore@cpuc.ca.gov, copying the service list.

Within 10 days of the prehearing conference, by April 4, 2025, the Applicant shall provide the additional information as directed herein. Applicant's filing must be titled "Response to Administrative Law Judge Inquiry," otherwise a new protest period will be triggered. Failure to provide the additional information may result in dismissal of A.24-11-008 for failure to prosecute.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated April 2, 2025, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ THERESA MOORE
Theresa Moore
Administrative Law Judge

¹ Commission website, Information for Telecommunications Applicants and Registrants in California (visited Feb. 2, 2025); https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/information-for-telecommunications-applicants-and-registrants-in-california.