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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Astound Networks California, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Full Facilities-Based and Resold Competitive Local Exchange Service and Interexchange Service.

Application 24-10-010

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

This ruling directs Astound Networks California, LLC (Astound or Applicant) to file and serve a response within 10 days of the date of this ruling.

1. Background

On October 16, 2024, Astound filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide full facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange services and interexchange service throughout California. On December 17, 2024, a prehearing conference was held for the Application in this proceeding. A Ruling Directing Filing of Additional Information Within 10 Days was issued on January 22, 2025, and was timely responded to on February 5, 2025. A second Ruling Directing Filing of Additional Information Within 10 Days was issued on March 17, 2025, and was timely responded to on March 27, 2025.

2. Discussion

Upon review of A.24-10-010, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requires additional information in order to review this Application, including the following:

1. Provide an acceptable form of required financial documentation for issuance of a CPCN.

A CPCN applicant for a facilities-based operations must submit documentation providing assurance it has at least \$100,000 in unencumbered cash available. In its Application, Astound provided in its Exhibit 9 a confidential, independent audit of the consolidated financial statements of its parent company, Radiate HoldCo, LLC. Since the financial documentation of Astound's parent company was provided, Astound must also provide a letter of guarantee from Radiate HoldCo, LLC, Astound's parent corporation, stating that it will guarantee Astound's financial resources, irrevocable for a period of at least twelve months beyond the certification of Astound by the Commission. Alternatively, Astound may choose to submit an alternative form of financial documentation that meets the requirements of D.24-11-003.

If there are clarifications needed regarding the required information, Applicant may contact the assigned Administrative Law Judge by email at paul.hagen@cpcu.ca.gov, copying the service list. Within 10 days of the date of this ruling, the Applicant shall provide the additional information as directed herein. Failure to provide the additional information may result in dismissal of A.24-10-010 for failure to prosecute. Applicant's filing must be titled "Response to Administrative Law Judge Inquiry," otherwise a new protest period will be triggered.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated April 15, 2025, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ PAUL HAGEN

Paul Hagen
Administrative Law Judge