

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**Communications Division
Carrier Oversight & Programs Branch**

**RESOLUTION T-17391
May 23, 2013**

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION T-17391. The Commission approves Happy Valley Telephone Company's (U-1010-C) Advice Letter No. 338 filed on December 27, 2012.

SUMMARY

This resolution approves Happy Valley Telephone Company's (Happy Valley) requests in Advice Letter (AL) No. 338 as follows:

- To discontinue Two-Party LifeLine Service for the Minersville exchange; and
- To modify its corresponding tariff sheets to reflect this change.

BACKGROUND

In AL No. 338 filed on December 27, 2012, Happy Valley requests authority to discontinue its Two-Party LifeLine Service for the Minersville exchange because it has no customers subscribing to this service. Happy Valley also requests authority to remove this service from its tariffs. Two-Party LifeLine service allows two or more LifeLine eligible customers to be connected to and share the same telephone line.

NOTICE/PROTESTS

Happy Valley states that a copy of AL 338 was sent to the service list in accordance with Resolution T-17327. Notice of AL No. 338 was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on February 1, 2013. No protests to this AL have been received.

DISCUSSION

Happy Valley does not have any customers subscribing to Two-Party LifeLine Service in the Minersville exchange. Additionally, the Communications Division (CD) has

confirmed that none of Happy Valley's existing residential customers would be harmed from the discontinuance of this service.

Happy Valley upgraded their telephone system so that all customers received individual line service, and in doing so "grandfathered" existing Two-Party LifeLine service customers by charging them at this rate, while providing them with individual line service. As of October 2012, Happy Valley had no remaining customers grandfathered at the Two-Party LifeLine rate.

Upon review of Happy Valley's AL 338, CD concludes that Happy Valley's requests to withdraw its Two-Party LifeLine Service in the Minersville exchange and update its corresponding tariff sheets to reflect the change are appropriate and reasonable. Therefore, CD recommends that Happy Valley's proposal in AL 338 be granted. Approval of this AL filing does not establish a precedent for future filings for Commission approval of a similar request.

SAFETY ISSUES

Happy Valley is required to adhere to all Commission rules, decisions, General Orders and statutes including Public Utilities Code § 451 to take all actions "...necessary to promote the safety, health, comfort and convenience of its patrons, employees, and the public." This Resolution does not adversely impact customers because Happy Valley does not have any customers subscribing to Two-Party LifeLine Service in the Minersville exchange.

COMMENTS

In compliance with Public Utilities Code section 311(g), a notice letter was emailed on April 23, 2013, informing all parties on the service list of the availability of the draft of this Resolution for public comments at the Commission's web site <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov>. This letter also informed parties that the final Resolution adopted by the Commission will be posted and will be available at the same website. No comments were received.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

1. Happy Valley Telephone Company (Happy Valley) filed Advice Letter (AL) No. 338 on December 27, 2012.
2. Happy Valley upgraded their telephone system so that all customers received individual line service, and in doing so "grandfathered" existing Two-Party LifeLine service customers by charging them at this rate, while providing them with individual line service.

3. As of October 2012, Happy Valley had no remaining customers grandfathered at the Two-Party LifeLine rate.
4. Happy Valley's request for authority to discontinue Two-Party LifeLine Service in the Minersville exchange is reasonable, because it has no customers subscribing to this service.
5. Happy Valley's existing residential customers will not be harmed from the discontinuance of Two-Party LifeLine Service in the Minersville exchange.
6. Happy Valley is granted authority to remove Two-Party LifeLine Service from the Minersville exchange from its tariff sheets.
7. Communications Division finds that Happy Valley's requests in AL 338 are appropriate and reasonable, and should be authorized.
8. Approval of Happy Valley's AL 338 request does not establish a precedent for the contents of future filings for Commission approval of similar requests.
9. In compliance with Public Utilities Code section 311(g), a notice letter was emailed on April 23, 2013, informing all parties on the service list of the availability of the draft of this Resolution for public comments at the Commission's web site <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov>. This letter also informed parties that the final Resolution adopted by the Commission will be posted and will be available at the same website. No comments were received.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Happy Valley Telephone Company is granted authority to discontinue Two-Party LifeLine Service in the Minersville exchange.
2. Happy Valley Telephone Company Advice Letter No. 338 and corresponding tariff sheets shall be marked to show they were authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission Resolution No. T-17391, and its effective date.

This resolution is effective today.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed, and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on May 23, 2013, the following Commissioners voted favorable thereon:

PAUL CLANON

Executive Director