

Decision 22-08-013 August 4, 2022

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of MJM Telecom Corp. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Full Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange Service in AT&T California, Frontier Communications, and Consolidated Communications Local Exchange Areas, and IntraLATA and InterLATA Interexchange Telephone Service Statewide.

Application 20-03-009

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding until October 14, 2022.

1. Background and Justification

MJM Telecom Corp. (MJM Telecom) is a general stock corporation, incorporated under the laws of State of California, and doing business in Riverside County as Accel Wireless. On March 11, 2020, MJM Telecom filed the instant application requesting authority to provide full facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange telecommunication service in the territories of AT&T California, Frontier Communications, and Consolidated Communications Local Exchange Areas, and IntraLATA and InterLATA interexchange service in the California market (Application). MJM Telecom contends that it is a telephone

corporation and a public utility as defined by Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code Section 234(a). It further asserts that based on the services it proposes to provide, it is subject to the jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and is eligible to receive a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN).

No party filed a protest or response to the Application.

A prehearing conference was held on May 21, 2020 to discuss the issues of law and fact and determine the need for hearing as well as schedule for resolving the matter. Thereafter, a status conference (STC) was held on December 3, 2020.

On February 2, 2021, the proceeding was reassigned to Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves. The *Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling* was issued on May 25, 2021, by Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves.

MJM Telecom substituted new record counsel into Application (A.) 20-03-009 on August 19, 2021. Thereafter, updated business license and fictitious business name statement information for Accel Wireless d/b/a/ MJM Telecom Corp. was lodged with the Commission by Accel Wireless Officer Martin Moreno. The *Assigned Commissioner's First Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling* was subsequently issued on August 23, 2021.

A STC was held on December 3, 2021, to discuss all pending matters and the current status of Applicant MJM Telecom's business operations. Subsequently, the *Assigned Commissioner's Second Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling* was issued on December 8, 2021 (Second Amended Scoping Memo).

On February 15, 2022, the matter was reassigned from Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves to Commissioner John R. D. Reynolds. Administrative Law Judges (ALJ) Andrea D. McGary and Seaneen Wilson are assigned to the current application.

The Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5 deadline for resolution of this proceeding is currently August 15, 2022. It is expected that a proposed decision addressing the issues in this proceeding will issue soon. With that expectation, we find that an additional 60 days beyond the current August 15, 2022 deadline is necessary to allow sufficient time for the Commission to issue a decision and provide sufficient time for any comments.

2. Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may waive the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment on a decision extending the deadline for resolving the issues raised in the scoping memo in a ratesetting or quasi-legislative proceedings set forth in Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5. Under the circumstances of this proceeding, it is appropriate to waive the 30-day period for public review and comment.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

John R. D. Reynolds is the assigned Commissioner and Andrea D. McGary and Seaneen Wilson are the assigned ALJs and the presiding officers in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The current statutory deadline for resolving A.20-03-009 is August 15, 2022.
2. A.20-03-009 cannot be completed by August 15, 2022.
3. An extension of the statutory deadline until October 14, 2022 is necessary to allow sufficient time for the Commission to issue a decision and provide sufficient time for any comments.

Conclusion of Law

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(i), the statutory deadline should be extended to October 14, 2022.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended until October 14, 2022.

This order is effective today.

Dated August 4, 2022, at San Francisco, California.

ALICE REYNOLDS
President
CLIFFORD RECHTSCHAFFEN
GENEVIEVE SHIROMA
DARCIE L. HOUCK
JOHN REYNOLDS
Commissioners