#### PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Communications Division
Carrier Oversight & Programs Branch

RESOLUTION T-17844 January 30, 2025

#### RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION T-17844. This Resolution revokes the operating authority of sixteen (16) telephone corporations for failure to comply with reporting and remittance requirements concerning California Public Purpose Program Surcharges and Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account Fee (User Fee), as applicable, adopts additional penalties for noncompliance, and provides thirty (30) calendar days for these corporations to fully comply with their obligations before the revocation becomes effective.

#### **SUMMARY**

This Resolution revokes the operating authority of sixteen (16) telephone corporations (carriers) listed in Appendix A for their failure to comply with one or more California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requirements related to the reporting and remittance of Public Purpose Program surcharges and Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account Fee (user fees), where applicable. This revocation is effective thirty (30) calendar days from Commission approval of this resolution. This Resolution, however, allows any of the named carriers to fully resolve their outstanding compliance obligations, including paying all penalties, outstanding surcharges plus interest, and applicable user fees before the revocation becomes effective. These carriers are also subject to additional penalties, as outlined in the Resolution, due to continued noncompliance.

#### **BACKGROUND**

# **Jurisdiction over Telephone Corporations**

The Commission has broad regulatory authority over public utilities, including Telephone Corporations (carriers).<sup>1</sup> As part of the Commission's regulation of public utilities, the Legislature conferred upon the Commission the exclusive authority to issue

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See e.g., Cal. Const., art. XII, §§ 1-6; Pub. Util. Code, §§ 216, 451, 701.

a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") to a public utility seeking to operate in California.<sup>2</sup> As explained below, the Commission currently grants operating authority to traditional wireline carriers and Interconnected VoIP carriers pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1001 or § 1013.<sup>3</sup> Recently, in Decision (D.) 24-11-003, the Commission adopted a specific licensing and registration framework for Interconnected VoIP carriers, effective November 12, 2024.<sup>4</sup> As described below, wireless carriers register with the Commission through a Wireless Registration (WIR) process. Accordingly, all telephone corporations operating in California must obtain operating authority from or register with the Commission prior to doing business in California.

Wireline carriers may request authority to operate in California through a CPCN application pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1001 or a Simplified Registration application pursuant to § 1013, depending on the facilities they operate. Generally, carriers that provide full Facilities-Based/Limited-Facilities Based and Resold Competitive Local Exchange Services and full Facilities-Based/Limited-Facilities Based and Resold Interexchange Services, including Facilities-based Interconnected VoIP services, are required to obtain operating authority from the Commission to offer telecommunications services in California by filing a § 1001 CPCN application. Non-Facilities-based (or Resellers) Interconnected VoIP carriers must obtain operating authority from the Commission through the Simplified Registration process by submitting a § 1013 Simplified Registration form.<sup>5</sup>

Wireless carriers, defined as commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 247, no longer file section 1001 or 1013 applications for operating authority. The federal Communications Act, 47 U.S.C.S § 332, subdivision (c)(3)(A), limits states' authority over "the entry of or the rates charged by any commercial mobile service or any private mobile service." <sup>6</sup> States may continue to regulate "other terms and conditions" of wireless service. For example, the Commission requires wireless carriers to comply with the Wireless Identification Registration procedures established in Commission Decision (D.)94-10-031 and other consumer protection measures. <sup>7</sup>

From 2020 to the Commission's issuance of D. 24-11-003, Interconnected VoIP carriers were required to obtain operating authority using existing CPCN application or 1013 Simplified Registration processes applicable to other wireline telephone corporations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Pub. Util. Code § 1001.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Commission previously registered interconnected VoIP carriers through an informal Digital Voice Service (DVS) Registration process.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> On August 25, 2022, the Commission opened Rulemaking (R.) 22-08-008 to consider changes to the licensing status of Interconnected VoIP carriers in California that, pursuant to Public Utilities Code 285, obtained a utility identification number under this Commission's previously used Informal VoIP Registration Process. The Rulemaking will also consider other ongoing obligations for interconnected VoIP carriers and ministerial licensing reforms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Section 1013 Simplified Registration Form can be found at: Simplified Registration form.

<sup>6 47</sup> U.S.C.S. § 332, subd.(c)(3)A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See re Mobile Telephone Service and Wireless Communications [D.98-07-037], (1998)1998 Cal. PUC LEXIS 339.

Prior to 2020, Interconnected VoIP carriers, as defined in Pub. Util. Code § 234, were informally registered and required to collect and remit surcharges in support of universal service PPPs. Upon being registered, they were assigned a utility ID and identified as a Digital Voice Service (DVS) utility type with the Commission. Most of the Interconnected VoIP carriers subject to this resolution are registered as DVS carriers.

# **Public Purpose Program Surcharge Obligations**

Pub. Util. Code §§ 270 and 274 through 281 charges the Commission with administering six (6) legislatively mandated universal service Public Purpose Programs (PPP) to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable access to telecommunications services. The purpose of these programs is to connect consumers in California to essential communications services that support public safety, public health, and education.

Wireline carriers, including Interconnected VoIP, and wireless carriers, are required to collect and remit surcharges to fund the programs as set forth in Pub. Util. Code §§ 247.1 and 702.

Previously, all carriers were required to assess surcharges and user fees, if applicable, based on end-user intrastate service revenues per D.84-05-053, D.94-09-065, and D.96-10-066. These decisions remain in effect for report periods prior to April 2023.

In D.22-10-021, the Commission adopted a new mechanism to fund the state's universal service Public Purpose Programs. The new mechanism requires carriers to assess surcharges on end users' active access lines that a carrier serves in California. Beginning report period April 2023, carriers must report their active access lines<sup>8</sup> using the Commission's Telecommunications and User Fee Filing System (TUFFS) monthly or bi-annually<sup>9</sup>, no later than 40 days following the close of a report period or no later than 40 days after the end of each 6-month cycle, to avoid incurring interest. Carriers subsequently remit surcharges through the California State Agency Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) system.

# Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account Fee (User Fee) Obligations

Pub. Util. Code §§ 401 through 405 and §§ 431 through 435 require carriers to report

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> "Access Line" means a wire or wireless connection that provides a real-time two-way voice telecommunications service or VoIP service to or from any device utilized by an end user, regardless of technology, which is associated with a 10-digit NPA-NXX number or other unique identifier and a service address or Place of Primary Use in California. (D.22-10-021).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> This applies to those carriers that had a De Minimis status prior to April 2023. The Under the de minimis rule, carriers are permitted to report and remit surcharges bi-annually (twice per year) for each month of the six-month period. The de minimis reporting periods are January through June and July through December.

their California intrastate revenues and remit the corresponding amount of user fees¹¹¹ to the Commission. User fees are determined by multiplying the carrier's intrastate revenue by the user fee remittance rate in effect for that period.¹¹¹ The user fee supports the Commission's operating costs. Currently, Interconnected VoIP carriers do not remit user fees. However, on November 7, 2024 in Decision (D.) 24-11-003, the Commission ordered all Interconnected VoIP carriers to begin reporting their gross intrastate revenues on July 1, 2025 for calculation and remittance of the user fee that Pub. Util. Code section 431 requires all telephone corporations to pay.

The Commission requires carriers subject to the user fee obligation to either file annually (for those with gross intrastate revenues of \$750,000 or less) or quarterly (for those with revenues in excess of \$750,000). <sup>12</sup> D.10-09-017 and D.13-05-035 established a minimum user fee of \$100 annually that carriers must remit even if their intrastate revenue is zero. <sup>13</sup> If a carrier fails to report or remit the user fee for more than 30 days, Pub. Util. Code § 405 authorizes the Commission to suspend or revoke the carrier's operating authority.

# **Resolution T-17601 Communications Division Citation Program**

Resolution T-17601 authorized Communications Division (CD) to implement a citation program for enforcing communications carrier compliance with Commission Resolutions, Decisions, Orders, and the Pub. Util. Code. Appendix A of Resolution T-17601 specifically identified a penalty of \$1,000 per event, up to a maximum of \$3,000 for carriers that fail to report and remit surcharge payments for at least six months as directed in Commission Resolutions, Decisions, Orders, and the Pub. Util. Code. The penalty amount is in addition to interest equal to an annual rate of 10% assessed on surcharge funds reported and remitted after the due date.

This Resolution adopted a citation process, a list of specific violations, corresponding penalties, and an appeals process.

#### Revocation of CPCN

The Commission may revoke a carrier's certificate if it is three or more months

<sup>10</sup> User Fees include gross intrastate revenue excluding uncollectible revenue, directory sales, one-way paging, equipment sales, and intercarrier sales.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Effective January 1, 2024, User Fee rate is 1.2% pursuant to Resolution M-4870. For prior user fee rates, see https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/userfeerates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> De minimis carriers must report annually by January 15<sup>th</sup>. All other carriers must report quarterly by January 15<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and October 15<sup>th</sup>. In either case, carriers that do not remit user fees within thirty days of the quarterly payment dates are assessed a one-time, 25% penalty.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Per D.10-09-017," ... registrants must pay an annual user fee based on the Commission established rate in effect at that time...or \$100, whichever is greater."

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delinquent in reporting and remitting surcharges.<sup>14</sup> Pub. Util. Code section 405 authorizes the Commission to suspend or revoke a carrier's certificate, permit, or other operating authority, among other actions if the carrier is delinquent in paying user fees for 30 days or more. The carriers listed on Appendix A have not reported and remitted surcharges and user fees for more than six months.

#### **DISCUSSION**

CD identified the carriers listed in Appendix A as noncompliant with their surcharges and user fee reporting, remitting, or both. The details of their noncompliance are discussed in Section A below.

# A. Process for identifying non-compliant carriers and administrative actions taken

The Commission puts all carriers on notice of their surcharge and user fee obligations when they are granted operating authority or registrations through the various processes detailed above. These obligations are specifically set forth in CPCN or Section 1013 decisions, registration approval letters, or Surcharge obligation onboarding emails. In addition, CD notifies each carrier of their surcharge and user fee (if applicable) reporting and remittance obligations through a separate electronic message which contains the login credentials to the carrier's TUFFS account and instructions for TUFFS reporting.

On October 2023, CD identified 148 noncompliant carriers through a routine review of the TUFFS reporting database. CD notified these carriers of their outstanding obligations and provided instructions to comply. Of these 148 carriers, 35 failed to come into compliance with Commission directives to report revenue, remit surcharges, and pay user fees.

On February 7, 2024, and June 25, 2024, pursuant to Resolution T-17601, CD issued citations to the 35 noncompliant carriers. Of the 35 cited, 16 failed to resolve the issued citations; <sup>15</sup> two carriers filed appeals which will be handled separately; <sup>16</sup> one carrier was previously revoked for failure to comply with annual reporting and performance bond requirements; <sup>17</sup> and 16 carriers came into compliance.

This Resolution addresses the remaining 16 noncompliant carriers, which are listed in Appendix A. All of these carriers failed to report and remit surcharges and user fees (if applicable) for at least six months.

<sup>16</sup> ZTG, Inc. (U-6651-C) and Penny Family Corporation (U-1621-C).

 $<sup>^{14}</sup>$  See e.g., D.93-05-010, Ordering Paragraph 4 (directs CD to submit a resolution for revocation of the carrier's certification if it is three or more months delinquent in reporting and remitting surcharges).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See Appendix A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> EcoVate, Inc. (U-7373-C) pursuant to T-17815.

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On multiple occasions, CD notified the 16 carriers of their noncompliance, <sup>18</sup> and provided them instructions on how to satisfy their obligations. Below is a list of the various notices sent to the carriers and the corresponding actions from a few of them.

- 1. In October 2023, Staff sent email notices of noncompliance and potential citation actions to the primary regulatory contacts listed in the Commission's Utility Contact Information System (UCS).
- 2. On February 7, 2024, Staff sent a certified United States Postal Service (USPS) letter and an e-mail to the primary regulatory contact noting the issuance of a citation in the amount of \$1,000 and directing the carrier to pay the citation and report and remit payment of surcharges and user fees. Staff also included instructions on how to submit an appeal.
- 3. On June 25, 2024, Staff sent a second certified (USPS) letter and an e-mail to the primary regulatory contact, stating that an additional \$1,000 citation penalty had been imposed for the entity's continued noncompliance. Instructions on remedying the citation and initiating the appeal process were included in the notice.

Based on the aforementioned notices, we find the carriers subject to this Resolution received sufficient notice and opportunity to be heard regarding their alleged violations.

Nevertheless, with this Resolution we provide the carriers listed in Appendix A with one final opportunity to resolve their violations before their operating authority or registration is revoked. Additional penalties are imposed, as discussed below.

# B. Calculation of Penalty

The continued failure of the carriers subject to this Resolution to comply with their surcharges and user fee reporting and remittance obligations, despite receiving multiple notices from CD and instructions to remedy their noncompliance, warrants additional penalties to deter future noncompliance. Failure to comply with these obligations causes regulatory harm. Accordingly, pursuant to our Pub. Util. Code §§ 2108<sup>19</sup> and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See Appendix A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Every violation of the provision of this part or of any part of any order, decision, decree, rule, direction, demand, or requirement of the commission, by any corporation or person is a separate and distinct offense, and in case of a continuing violation each day's continuance thereof shall be a separate and distinct offense.

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2111<sup>20</sup> penalty authority and Resolution T-17601, we hereby impose an additional \$1,000 penalty on each carrier who fails to pay outstanding citations within the additional time allotted in this Resolution.

In other words, each of the carriers listed in Appendix A must remit \$3000 in penalties (increased from \$2,000), for failure to report and remit their outstanding surcharges, user fees (including interest and penalties for reporting and remitting late), and citation penalties as previously directed by CD.

Citation penalties must be paid by a check or money order payable to the California Public Utilities Commission and mailed or delivered to the California Public Utilities Commission's Fiscal Office at 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 3000, San Francisco, CA 94102. Each carrier should write on the face of the check or money order "For deposit to the State of California General Fund, per Resolution T-17844."

# C. Suspension of Participation in Public Purpose Programs

Each carrier listed in Appendix A of this Resolution will be ineligible to receive subsidies or draw from any PPP funds until it pays all penalties<sup>21</sup> and reports and remits all outstanding surcharges, along with the accrued interest, and user fees. Since the Commission's universal service programs are funded by PPP surcharges, it is not reasonable to allow a carrier violating these Commission regulatory requirements to benefit from these programs unless it complies with its universal service and user fee obligations.<sup>22</sup>

If the citation penalties (including penalties assessed for reporting late), unpaid surcharges (including accrued interest), and user fees are not paid within 30 days from the effective date of this Resolution, the carrier's operating authority, wireless registration, or informal registration of Interconnected VoIP designated as DVS will be revoked. Upon revocation, the carrier will be deactivated from Commission systems and will no longer be able to access TUFFS for reporting and remitting surcharges and user fee payments. These carriers may also be subject to further Commission action, including but not limited to enforcement actions and further penalties.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Every corporation or person, other than a public utility and its officers, agents, or employees, which or who knowingly violates or fails to comply with, or procures, aids or abets any violation of any provision of the California Constitution relating to public utilities or of this part, or fails to comply with any part of any order, decision, rule, direction, demand, or requirement of the commission, or who procures, aids, or abets any public utility in the violation or noncompliance, in a case in which a penalty has not otherwise been provided for the corporation or person, is subject to a penalty of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500), nor more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for each offense.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Penalties refers to \$3,000 amounts noted above as well as the one-time 25% penalty for delinquent user fees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> PPP funds: California Advanced Services Fund (CASF), California High Cost Fund A (CHCF-A), California High Cost Fund B (CHCF-B), Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS), California Teleconnect Fund (CTF), and the Deaf & Disabled Telecommunications Program (DDTP).

# **SAFETY IMPACT**

This Resolution seeks to achieve carriers' compliance with submitting PPP surcharges to support the state's important universal service goals and obligations and the user fees to support the Commission's operating budget. Sufficient program funding through carrier compliance is necessary to support California consumers' access to communications services, thereby promoting public safety.

# **CONCLUSION**

In sum, in order for any of the carriers listed in Appendix A to retain their operating authority or registrations and to avoid further penalties, they must submit all outstanding reporting in the TUFFS database, remit all resulting surcharges and user fees, and pay all applicable interest and penalties. This applies for all months during which the carrier has not reported and remitted surcharges or user fees. All requirements must be completed within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution.

For those carriers who do not comply with the orders in this Resolution before the requisite time period, each of the carrier's CPCN and/or registration licenses shall be revoked. We direct them to notify their California customers within five (5) days from the effective date of their revocation that their operating authority in California has been revoked and that they are no longer authorized to provide service.

We also hereby direct all carriers to notify CD staff via e-mail at telcosurcharge@cpuc.ca.gov and cdcompliance@cpuc.ca.gov if they provide services to any of the carriers listed in Appendix A.

After revocation of its operating authority, a traditional wireline or Interconnected VoIP carrier seeking to continue operations in California must file a Pub. Util. Code § 1001 application for a new operating authority, even if the Commission previously granted a carrier operating authority under the simplified registration process pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1013 or an informal VoIP registration. In its application, the carrier must disclose the previous revocation via a sworn affidavit. Similarly, after a wireless carrier's registration has been revoked, any wireless telephone corporation operating in California must apply for a new Wireless Identification Registration and disclose the previous revocation via a sworn affidavit. All outstanding penalties, interest, surcharges, and user fees owed to the Commission shall be paid before any new CPCN or registration could be approved.

# COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION

In compliance with PU Code § 311 (g), the Commission emailed a Notice of Availability on December 27, 2024 to all telecommunications carriers, including those listed in Appendix A informing these parties that the draft of this Resolution is available at the Commission's website (http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/) and is available for public comment. Once adopted by the Commission, the Final Resolution will be posted on the Commission's website.

The Commission received no public comments.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The 16 carriers listed in Appendix A of this Resolution received operating authority from the Commission through the Pub. Util. Code §§ 1001 or 1013 CPCN processes, the Wireless Identification Registration process, or the informal VoIP registration process.
- 2. Pub. Util. Code §§ 270 and 275 –281 charges the Commission with administering six (6) legislatively mandated universal service Public Purpose Programs (PPP) to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable access to telecommunications services.
- 3. Existing law and Commission decisions, including D.96-10-066, requires that all carriers, including traditional wireline, wireless, and VoIP carriers, assess and collect PPP surcharges from their end users and remit the collected funds to the Commission.
- 4. Pub. Util. Code §§ 401 through 405 and §§ 431 through 435 require carriers to report their California intrastate revenues and remit the corresponding amount of user fees to the Commission.
- 5. Pub. Util. Code §§ 270-285 and Section 431 authorize the Commission to administer and fund the PPPs and collect user fees, respectively.
- 6. In D.13-05-035, the Commission set a minimum annual user fee amount of \$100 for all carriers holding a CPCN or a WIR to be paid annually, even if the telephone corporation reports zero intrastate revenue.
- 7. Resolution T-17601 adopted a citation program to enforce universal service or Public Purpose Programs (PPP) surcharge and user fee remittances and reporting compliance, among other obligations, by all active telephone corporations.

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  - 8. The carriers subject to this Resolution received sufficient notice and opportunity to be heard regarding their alleged violations on at least three different occasions.
  - 9. Beginning July 1, 2025, pursuant to Decision 24-11-003, Interconnected VoIP carriers must begin reporting their gross intrastate revenues for the calculation and remittance of the user fee.
  - 10. The Commission received no public comments.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Communications Division took reasonable steps to locate and notify the carriers listed in Appendix A to inform them that they were in noncompliance with the Commission's PPP surcharges and user fee reporting and remittance requirements.
- 2. Pub. Util. Code section 431 requires all telephone corporations to pay the CPUC user fee and Interconnected VoIP providers must begin paying the user fee July 1, 2025.
- 3. It is reasonable for the Commission to suspend or revoke the operating authority of a telephone corporation that fails to report and remit surcharges and user fees in accordance with D.93-05-010.
- 4. It is reasonable to impose an additional \$1,000 penalty against each of the listed carriers listed in Appendix A, as set forth in this Resolution.
- 5. If the carriers listed in Appendix A continue to be in noncompliance beyond thirty (30) calendar days from the effective date of this Resolution, it is reasonable to revoke each carrier's CPCN or registrations.
- 6. It is reasonable to prohibit any carrier who fails to comply with their universal service or Public Purpose Programs (PPP) surcharges and user fee obligations from participating in or drawing from any PPP funds.
- 7. It is reasonable to require all telephone corporations to notify CD staff via email to telcosurcharge@cpuc.ca.gov and cdcompliance@cpuc.ca.gov if they provide services to any of the carriers listed in Appendix A and to cease from conducting business with the carriers whose licenses or registration have been revoked by this Resolution.
- 8. If the Commission has revoked a carrier's operating authority or registration and that carrier seeks to continue operating in the State of California, it is

reasonable to require that carrier to submit a new CPCN application, new WIR request, or Digital Voice Nomadic registration pursuant to D.24-11-003, as applicable. If the CPUC has revoked a carrier's operating authority, the carrier cannot use the Simplified Registration process pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1013. All carriers shall disclose the previous revocation via a sworn affidavit and pay all outstanding penalties, interest or fines owed to the Commission in order to be granted authority to operate in California.

- 9. Carriers that continue to operate after revocation of their operating authority and fail to obtain the requisite operating authority may be subject to enforcement action by the Commission's Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division (CPED), including possible fines or other sanctions.
- 10. The Commission e-mailed a Notice of Availability of this Resolution on December 27, 2024, to all carriers informing them that the draft of this Resolution is available at the Commission's website http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/and is available for public comments.

#### THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Resolution, each of the telephone corporations listed in Appendix A shall fully comply with their universal service or Public Purpose Programs (PPP) surcharges and user fee obligations, including reporting any outstanding intrastate telecommunications access lines beginning April 2023, reporting intrastate revenues subject to surcharges prior to April 2023, reporting intrastate revenues subject to user fees, and remitting the resulting surcharges and user fees, plus any accrued interest and penalties, to the Commission.
- 2. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Resolution, each of the telephone corporations listed in Appendix A shall pay their outstanding citation penalties in full.
- 3. Failure by any of the telephone corporations listed in Appendix A to comply with Ordering Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Resolution, shall result in immediate revocation of their certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN), license, registration, or other form of operating authority, as set forth in this Resolution.
- 4. All telephone corporations listed in Appendix A shall pay an additional \$1000 penalty, as set forth in this Resolution.
- 5. To the extent that any of the telephone corporations listed in Appendix A has

their operating authority revoked pursuant to this Resolution, they shall notify their California customers within five (5) days from the effective date of their revocation that their operating authority in California has been revoked and that they are no longer authorized to provide service.

- 6. Citation penalties shall be paid within 30 calendar days from the effective date of this Resolution, by a check or money order, payable to the California Public Utilities Commission, and mailed or delivered to the California Public Utilities Commission's Fiscal Office at 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 3000, San Francisco, CA 94102. Each telephone corporation shall write on the face of the check or money order "For deposit to the State of California General Fund, per Resolution T- 17844."
- 7. To the extent that any of the telephone corporations listed in Appendix A participate in or draw from any PPP funds, those telephone corporations will cease to be eligible to receive subsidies or PPP funds until they fully comply with the orders in this Resolution.
- 8. All telephone corporations must notify CD staff via e-mail at telcosurcharge@cpuc.ca.gov and cdcompliance@cpuc.ca.gov if they provide services to any of the telephone corporations listed in Appendix A and must cease from conducting business with those telephone corporations whose operating authority have been revoked pursuant to this Resolution.
- 9. After their operating authority has been revoked, any telephone corporation seeking to continue operations in the State of California must file a Pub. Util. Code § 1001 application for a new operating authority or registration with the Commission. Wireline and Interconnected Fixed VoIP carriers shall file a CPCN application and cannot use the Simplified Registration process pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1013. Wireless carriers shall file a new WIR request. Digital Voice Nomadic Carriers shall file a registration pursuant to D.24-11-003. All carriers shall disclose the previous revocation via a sworn affidavit and pay all outstanding surcharges, user fees, penalties, interest or fines owed to the Commission to be granted a registration or authority to operate in California.
- 10. Carriers that continue to operate after revocation of their operating authority or registration and fail to obtain the requisite operating authority or registration shall be subject to enforcement action by the Commission, including the imposition of penalties and other sanctions the Commission deems necessary.

This Resolution is effective today.	
I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly in conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the Landson of the Commissioners voting Commissioners v	he State of California held on
	Rachel Peterson
	Executive Director

# **APPENDIX A**

Count	Citation	Corporate	<b>Utility Name</b>	Total
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		Number		Amount
1	CD-2024-02-001	U-1132-C	Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC	\$3,000
2	CD-2024-02-002	U-1141-C	PNG Telecommunications, Inc.	\$3,000
3	CD-2024-02-004	U-1225-C	Voyzze Communications Inc.	\$3,000
4	CD-2024-02-005	U-1286-C	Atlantic Metro Communications II, Inc.	\$3,000
5	CD-2024-02-006	U-1381-C	Bluetone Communications LLC	\$3,000
6	CD-2024-02-007	U-1400-C	MJ2 IP, LLC	\$3,000
7	CD-2024-02-009	U-1454-C	Fore Street Telecom LLC	\$3,000
8	CD-2024-02-011	U-1492-C	Telecom LLC	\$3,000
9	CD-2024-02-013	U-1524-C	Technology By Design, LLC	\$3,000
10	CD-2024-02-018	U-1678-C	Southwest Telephone Company	\$3,000
11	CD-2024-02-019	U-1685-C	Teletonix Communications, LLC	\$3,000
12	CD-2024-02-020	U-1709-C	NocTel Communications, Inc.	\$3,000
13	CD-2024-02-021	U-1714-C	B2B Tech Services, LLC	\$3,000
14	CD-2024-02-022	U-1725-C	Dedicated IT, LLC	\$3,000
15	CD-2024-02-024	U-1785-C	Swell Broadband, Inc.	\$3,000
16	CD-2024-02-030	U-6081-C	Opex Communications, Inc	\$1,000 <sup>23</sup>

 $<sup>^{23}</sup>$  U-6081-C Opex Communications, Inc. paid citation penalty of \$2,000 issued on June 25, 2024, however, has not achieved full compliance. Additional email notifications were sent to the carrier on September 10, 2024, and October 22, 2024.

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