

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Communications Division  
Carrier Oversight and Programs Branch**

**RESOLUTION T-17924**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

Resolution T-17924. Approval of Foresthill Co. d.b.a. Sebastian's (Foresthill) (U-1009-C) Request for Authority to Withdraw Foreign Exchange Service from its Tariffs.

**PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Approves Foresthill Co. d.b.a. Sebastian's (Foresthill) (U-1009-C) request to withdraw Foreign Exchange Service from its tariffs.

**SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are no adverse safety considerations identified by the Communications Division. Foreign Exchange Service is a non-essential, optional add-on service that allows a phone line to receive a number from a different exchange area. With no connection to emergency services or essential communications, the removal of Foreign Exchange Service poses no safety risks.

**ESTIMATED COST:**

- There are no costs associated with this Resolution.
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**SUMMARY**

This Executive Director Action Resolution authorizes Foresthill Telephone Co. d.b.a. Sebastian (Foresthill) to withdraw Foreign Exchange Service from Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A-13 and to revise its tariffs to eliminate all corresponding references to the service. The service is currently grandfathered, and the number of subscribers has steadily declined. As of 2023, Foresthill has no customers enrolled in the service.

**BACKGROUND**

Resolution T-17020, adopted on April 27, 2006, authorized Foresthill to grandfather its Foreign Exchange Service offerings to immediate family members residing at existing premises, prohibiting any moves, additions, or changes to the service. At the time, eleven customers were subscribed to the service.

On March 17, 2026, Foresthill filed Advice Letter (AL) No. 395 requesting authority to withdraw Foreign Exchange Service, Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A-13, as a tariffed offering. On April 10, 2026, Foresthill submitted Supplemental AL 395-A (AL 395-A) reclassifying the Advice Letter as a Tier 3 filing. Pursuant to General Order 96-B Telecommunications Industry Rule 7.3(7), withdrawal of Foreign Exchange Service requires a Tier 3 AL filing. Foresthill states that the number of subscribers to the service steadily declined and that, since 2023, it has no customers utilizing the service. Foresthill requests the authority to revise its tariffs to withdraw Foreign Exchange Service from its Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A-13 and to eliminate all corresponding references to the service, including those contained in Schedule A-7, Schedule A-20, Rules 1 and 2, the Preliminary Statement, and Table of Contents. Foreign Exchange Service is a classification of exchange service that connects a customer or Private Branch Exchange (PBX) station to a central office located in a different exchange area from the customer's premises. It assigns a phone line a number from a different telephone exchange area, allowing customers within that exchange area to reach a business or residence as a local call, regardless of where it is actually located.

### **NOTICES/PROTESTS**

Notice of AL No. 395 was published in the Commission Daily Calendar on March 17, 2026. Notice of AL No. 395-A was published in the Commission Daily Calendar on April 13, 2026. Copies of AL No. 395 and 395-A have been sent to the regular contacts on Foresthill's Service List for all advice letter filings.

No protests to this advice letter have been received.

### **DISCUSSION**

In March 1997, through Resolution No. T-9597, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to grant requests for the withdrawal of communications utility services for which there are no customers and no requests for such service.

CPUC Communications Division Staff (Staff) reviewed Foresthill's AL No. 395, as

supplemented by AL No. 395-A, and its associated proposed tariff changes to withdraw Foreign Exchange Service, and has confirmed that the service has no customers since June 2023. Foreign Exchange Service is a non-essential, optional add-on service, which allows a phone line to receive a number from a different exchange area. With no connection to emergency services or essential communications, the removal of Foreign Exchange Service poses no safety risks. Staff finds Foresthill's AL No. 395 as supplemented by AL 395-A to remove Foreign Exchange Service Offerings and to eliminate all corresponding references to the service, including those contained in Schedule A-7, Schedule A-20, Rules 1 and 2, the Preliminary Statement, and Table of Contents, is reasonable and should be granted.

### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS**

Foreign Exchange Service is a non-essential telecommunications service, offering customers the ability to receive a phone line from a different telephone exchange area, regardless of their actual location. Its discontinuation poses no risk to public safety or essential communications.

### **FINDINGS**

1. Resolution T-17020, adopted on April 27, 2006, authorized Foresthill to grandfather Foreign Exchange Service offerings to immediate family members that reside at existing premises, prohibiting any moves, additions, or changes to the service.
2. Resolution No. T-9597, dated March 22, 1977, authorizes the Executive Director to grant requests for the withdrawal of communications utility services for which there are no customers and no requests for such service.
3. On March 17, 2026, Foresthill filed AL No. 395, and subsequently submitted Supplemental AL 395-A reclassifying the advice letter as a Tier 3 filing, to withdraw Foreign Exchange Service because there are no customers nor demand for the service, and to eliminate all corresponding references to the service, including those contained in Schedule A-7, Schedule A-20, Rules 1 and 2, the Preliminary Statement, and Table of Contents.
4. Foreign Exchange Service is a classification of exchange service that connects a customer or PBX station to a central office in a different exchange area than where

the station is located.

5. Staff have reviewed Foresthill's AL No. 395 as supplemented by AL No. 395-A and its associated proposed tariff changes to withdraw Foreign Exchange Service. Staff confirms that the service has no customers nor is there any demand for the service since 2023.
6. In accordance with the authority granted to the Executive Director pursuant to Resolution No. T-9597, Foresthill's AL No. 395 as supplemented by AL 395-A to remove Foreign Exchange Service Offerings and to eliminate all corresponding references to the service, including those contained in Schedule A-7, Schedule A-20, Rules 1 and 2, the Preliminary Statement, and Table of Contents, is reasonable and should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Foresthill Telephone Co. d.b.a. Sebastian is granted authority to withdraw Foreign Exchange Service from its Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A-13 and to eliminate all corresponding references to the service, including those contained in Schedule A-7, Schedule A-20, Rules 1 and 2, the Preliminary Statement, and Table of Contents, as filed in Advice Letter No. 395 as supplemented by Advice Letter 395-A.

This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by Executive Action Resolution on July 1, 2026.

/s/ LEUWAM TESFAI

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LEUWAM TESFAI  
Executive Director