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Pacific Bell Files Petition for Expedited Waiver of Part 69 of the Commission's Rules

Pleading Cycle Established

CCB/CPD 97-22

COMMENTS: June 5, 1997

REPLY COMMENTS: June 16, 1997

On May 8, 1997, Pacific Bell (Pacific) filed a petition for expedited waiver of Parts 69.110, 69.111, and 69.112 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 69.110, 69.111, and 69.112. Pacific seeks this waiver to establish new rate elements to offer new switched transport services based on Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) Ring and Access Service, currently offered under their Special Access services tariff (Tariff F.C.C. No. 128, Section 7.2.11).

Pacific's petition seeks to introduce three additional switched service elements for its SONET switched transport service. The three elements, two of which the Commission has approved in the case of other local exchange carriers,¹ are:

(1) Premises Nodes (Prem Node) - located at the Customer's location and is used to connect the customer premises directly to the dedicated ring. The Prem Node is dedicated to one customer and provides access to the bandwidth of the ring at nominal bit speeds of 1.5Mbps, 45 Mbps, 155Mbps, and 622Mbps;

(2) Premises Ports (Prem Port) - necessary to connect the Prem Node at the customer's facilities or equipment via an electrical or optical interface. It accommodates 1.5Mbps, 45Mbps, 155Mbps, and 622Mbps bandwidth capacities. An additional connection is required on an OC 48 Prem Node if the customer desires bandwidth capacity at 1.5Mbps or 155Mbps; and

¹ In the Matter of Petitions for Waiver of Part 69 of the Commission's Rules to Establish Switched Access Rate Elements for SONET-based Service, rel. Dec. 2, 1996.

(3) Customer Provided Nodes (Customer Node) - must be compatible with Pacific's specifications and is also located at the customer's premises. Customer Nodes connect at the customer's premises to Dedicated Ring Facilities and must connect to Pacific provided nodes on the ring.

Pacific states that the new service elements will meet customer demand for a greater role in determining the particular service configuration to be utilized.

Interested parties may file comments on Pacific Bell's expedited petition for waiver no later than **June 5, 1997**. Replies must be filed by **June 16, 1997**. When filing comments and replies please make reference to the Division's internal file number **CCB/CPD 97-22**.

An original and four copies of all comments and replies must be filed in accordance with Section 1.51(c) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.51(c). In addition, one copy of each pleading must be filed with International Transcription Services (ITS), the Commission's duplicating contractor, at its office at 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037 and one copy with the Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, Room 518, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

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