

BEFORE THE GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) **GTA DOCKET 11-01**
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GTA TELECOM LLC, GENERAL) **PUC COUNSEL REPORT**
EXCHANGE TARIFF NO. 1, TARIFF)
TRANSMITTAL NO. 15)
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INTRODUCTION

1. This matter comes before the Guam Public Utilities Commission [PUC] upon Tariff Transmittal No. 15 of GTA Telecom LLC [GTA] to add a tariff provision which will allow for Signaling System Seven (SS7) transmission speed of 64 Kbps.¹
2. Upon a request from another Guam carrier for provision of SS7 transmission speed at 64 Kbps, GTA discovered that its current tariff only provided for 56 Kbps transmission speed.²
3. The only change which Tariff Transmittal No. 15 would implement is to also provide SS7 transmission speed at 64 Kbps.³

DISCUSSION

4. Tariff Transmittal No. 15 would revise section VII, Signaling System 7 (SS7), SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE, subsection A, Basic Channel Description.⁴
5. The Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 Network Connection Service Provides a signaling path between a customers designated Signaling Point of Interface and a Signaling Service Point of GTA. This service provides

¹ GTA Tariff Transmittal No. 15 (Signaling System 7), GTA Docket 11-01, filed January 20, 2011.

² Id.; Conference between PUC Legal Counsel and Eric Votaw, Vice President, Regulatory, GTA on March 10, 2011.

³ Id., at General Exchange Tariff No. 1 (First Revision of Page No. 52).

⁴ Id.

customers with the use of a path for accessing information necessary for the completion of their end user calls.⁵

6. CSS/SS7 Network Connection Service is comprised of a Signaling Network Access Link (SNAL) and a Signaling Service Point. Under the proposed tariff revision, the SNAL will be provided as a digital transmission speed of 56/64 Kbps, or other speeds as requested on an Individual Case Basis.⁶ In the current tariff, the SNAL is only provided as a digital transmission speed of 56 Kbps.⁷

ANALYSIS

7. Tariff Transmittal No. 15 was filed by GTA with the PUC on January 20, 2011. Counsel was not aware of said filing until March 10, 2011, when he received a copy thereof from Mr. Votaw of GTA.
8. Pursuant to 12 GCA §12106(b), Tariff Transmittal No. 15 became effective after thirty (30) days prior notice to the Commission, or on or about February 20, 2011.
9. The Commission still has the authority, upon complaint or its own initiative, to suspend Tariff Transmittal No. 15 for a period of up to four (4) months after the filing of notice.⁸
10. At present there does not appear to be any need for the Commission to conduct further proceedings on this Tariff Transmittal. To date, there has been no public comment adversely reflecting upon Tariff Transmittal No. 15.

RECOMMENDATION

11. Counsel recommends that no further action by the PUC is necessary with regard to Tariff Transmittal No. 15. Due to the expiration of the 30 day notice period, the tariff provision to allow the Signaling Network Access Link to provide for digital transmission speed of 64 Kbps is already in effect.
12. This provision does not change any rates or charges in the tariff; the provision allowing GTA to provide for SS7 transmission speed of 64 Kbps is consistent

⁵ Id.

⁶ Id.

⁷ Id. General Exchange Tariff No. 1, Original Page No. 52.

⁸ 12 GCA §12106(e)

with the goals of the Guam Telecommunications Act of 2004. It is in the public interest to provide for the introduction of new telecommunications services and products for the consumers of Guam.⁹

13. Therefore, no further Order of the Commission is necessary at the present time.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2011.

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⁹ 12 GCA §12101(b) (3).