

BEFORE THE GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)
) GT Docket 10-03
)
Guam Telecom LLC Tariff Transmittal No.)
2, Business Services)
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Background

This matter comes before the Guam Public Utilities Commission upon Guam Telecom LLC's filing of Tariff Transmittal No. 2, which is an amendment to Guam Telecom General Exchange Tariff No. 1.¹ The purpose of such tariff is to provide for the introduction of business services to customers.² Previously, on May 28, 2009, GT was issued a Certificate of Authority to provide resold and facilities based local exchange services in Guam.³ On May 27, 2010, the PUC approved Guam Telecom General Exchange Tariff No. 1.⁴ That tariff provided a schedule of charges applicable to general exchange telecommunications services for residential customers; however, Business line service was not originally offered in General Exchange Tariff No. 1.⁵

GT has now properly filed Tariff Transmittal No. 2 pursuant to 12 GCA §12106(a), which requires telecommunications companies such as GT to file tariffs with the PUC indicating the rates and charges and the classifications, terms and conditions of their telecommunications services. 12 GCA §12106(a), the Guam Telecommunications Act of 2004. As previously mentioned, this new tariff transmittal amends the General Exchange Tariff to provide for the establishment of Business Line Service. For such business line service, there is a non-recurring fee per primary line of \$60.00 and a monthly recurring fee of \$27.99.⁶

¹ Guam Telecom LLC Filing of Tariff Transmittal No. 2, GT Docket 10-03, filed November 29, 2010.

² Id. at p. 1.

³ GT Certificate of Authority, GT Docket 09-01, filed May 28, 2009.

⁴ PUC Order, GT Docket 10-01, filed May 27, 2010.

⁵ GT Telecom LLC General Exchange Tariff No. 1, at pgs. 47-52, GT Docket 10-01, filed April 29, 2010.

⁶ GT Filing of Tariff Transmittal No. 2, GT Docket 10-03, filed November 29, 2010, at p. 48.

Other amendments to the General Exchange Tariff include services available to business customers, such as key line service, basic trunk service, DID/DOD Trunk Service, Primary Rate Interface, Advanced Features, Direct Inward Dial Services, and others.⁷

On December 14, 2010, the PUC advised Guam Telecom that its Tariff Transmittal No. 2 had been received and that the new tariff would be effective after thirty days notice to the PUC pursuant to 12 GCA §12106; the effective date for the new tariff for business services was December 29, 2010.⁸ GT was further advised that the PUC would publish public notice requesting comment on the tariff filing and conduct a hearing on the same at its January 2011 meeting.⁹

Subsequently, the PUC published public notice in the Pacific Daily News that GT had filed a new tariff for the provision of business services, that written comment could be filed with the PUC on or before January 25, 2011, and that a public hearing would be conducted on this tariff on January 31, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the PUC conference room.¹⁰ To date, no public comments concerning the proposed new tariff have been received.

Recommendation

Counsel recommends that GT Tariff Transmittal No. 2, which amends Guam Telecom General Exchange Tariff No. 1, be approved. When GT initially filed its General Exchange Tariff No. 1, it was fully anticipated that a tariff for business services would subsequently be filed. GT has now done so, in compliance with its Certificate of Authority. The business services provided appear to be standard and similar to those provided in IT&E General Exchange Tariff No. 1.¹¹ Approval of GT's tariff for the provision of business services will "promote the goal of the Guam Telecommunications Act of 2004 to promote the development of modern, innovative, accessible and affordable telecommunications services and products for the people of Guam."¹² Counsel has prepared a draft order for the consideration of the Commissioners, which order is submitted herewith.

⁷ Id. at pgs. 48-74.

⁸ Letter from PUC Counsel to Sean Miles, Director, Regulatory Affairs (MCV Telecom), GT Docket 10-03, dated December 14, 2010.

⁹ Id.

¹⁰ PUC Public Notice, GT Docket 10-03, published in the Pacific Daily News on January 13, 2011.

¹¹ PUC Order, Docket 07-8 (IT&E Overseas Inc. Petition for Approval of General Exchange Tariff, filed August 13, 2007).

¹² 12 GCA §12101(a)&(3).

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Dated this 10th day of January, 2011.

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