
In the Matter of the Application of UNION)	<u>DOCKET NO. 98-054-01</u>
TELEPHONE COMPANY for Approval of)	
an IntraLATA Equal Access Toll Calling)	<u>ORDER APPROVING MODIFIED PLAN</u>
Implementation Plan.)	

ISSUED: May 8, 1998

By the Commission:

On February 17, 1998, Union Telephone Company (Union) filed an application for approval of its IntraLATA Equal Access Implementation Plan (Plan) in response to Commission Rule R746-356. In a letter dated March 27, 1998, AT&T Company requested intraLATA equal access for all Union exchanges. On April 14, 1998, the Division of Public Utilities (Division) filed a memorandum with the Commission which, generally, recommended approval of Union's Plan. The Division recommended that Union's Plan be modified to permit more time for interexchange carriers to receive the conversion notification and submit their Access Service Requests and recommended the addition of provisions for the filing and approval of Union's estimated equal access implementation expenses. Union has recently informed the Commission that it does not object to the modifications recommended by the Division. Wherefore, based upon the representations of the parties, the Commission orders:

ORDER

1. Union's IntraLATA Equal Access Implementation Plan, as submitted is approved with modifications to the implementation schedule as follows:

Activity Date

- (1) Commission approval of implementation plan. 5/1/98
- (2) Union to file its estimated equal access expenses and proposed equal access recovery charges. 5/1/98
- (3) Division to file recommendation with Commission on equal access expenses and equal access recovery charge. 5/15/98
- (4) Notify interexchange carriers of effect date of conversion for each end office, and ASR request. 5/22/98
- (5) Commission approval of expenses and initial charges. 6/1/98
- (6) Deadline for receipt of ASRs from interexchange carriers. 6/12/98
- (7) Business Office commence training for equal access. 6/15/98
- (8) File intraLATA PIC change charge, and equal access charge tariffs. 6/26/98

(9) All intraLATA equal access trunks and translations in place 7/1/98

and begin testing.

(10) Pre-conversion customer notice mailed by bill insert. 7/1/98

(11) Last day for receipt of PIC changes for conversion date. 7/23/98

(12) IntraLATA equal access conversion date. 7/31/98

2. To the extent that the above activity schedule anticipated the Commission's approval date earlier than the date of this order, the activities may be completed on a delayed date, one week later than in the proposed schedule.

3. Union's request for a waiver of the Rule's requirement of a separate notice mailing of the Plan is granted. Union may give notice of the Plan through a bill insert, but need not make special identification on the outside of the envelope containing the insert.

4. Union shall send copies of its implementation plan and this order to all interexchange carriers now subscribing to Union's interLATA equal access services.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 8th day of May, 1998.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

(SEAL) /s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Clark D. Jones, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard

Commission Secretary