

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
ACCESSLINE COMMUNICATIONS)
CORPORATION)
For a Certificate of Authority)
To Provide Intrastate Interexchange)
Telecommunication Services Within)
The State of Hawaii and for)
Approval of its Initial Tariff.)
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DOCKET NO. 04-0337

DECISION AND ORDER NO. 21773

Filed April 22, 2005
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Karen Higashi
Chief Clerk of the Commission

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By this Decision and Order, the commission grants ACCESSLINE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION ("Applicant") a certificate of authority ("COA") to provide intrastate telecommunications services in the State of Hawaii ("State") as a reseller, subject to certain conditions stated below in Section IV.

I.

Introduction

Applicant requests a COA to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Hawaii as a reseller, and approval of its initial proposed tariff.¹ Applicant makes its request pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §§ 269-7.5 and 269-16 and Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") §§ 6-80-17 and 6-80-18.

¹Applicant's application, filed on November 24, 2004 ("Application").

Applicant served copies of its Application to the DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS ("DCCA"), DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY ("Consumer Advocate"). On December 17, 2004, the Consumer Advocate filed its statement of position ("Statement of Position") informing the commission that it does not object to approval of the application, subject to certain qualifications.²

II.

Description of Applicant and its Proposed Services

Applicant is a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in the State as a foreign corporation. Its principal place of business is in Bellevue, Washington.

Applicant intends to provide intrastate telecommunications services within the State as a reseller. Specifically, upon receiving certification, Applicant proposes to provide outbound dialing, inbound "800"/"888" toll-free, calling card, conference calling and enhanced services.

²The Consumer Advocate raises various concerns and recommendations in its Statement of Position relating to Applicant's proposed tariff, which are discussed in more detail in Section III., below.

III.

COA and Proposed Tariff

Upon review of the application³, the commission makes the following findings pursuant to HAR § 6-80-18(a):

1. Applicant possesses sufficient technical, financial, and managerial resources and abilities to provide the proposed services;

2. Applicant is fit, willing, and able to properly perform the telecommunications services and to conform to the terms, conditions, and rules prescribed or adopted by the commission; and

3. Applicant's proposed telecommunications services are in the public interest.

Accordingly, the commission concludes that Applicant should be granted a COA to provide intrastate telecommunications services as a reseller.

Finally, based on the commission's review of the Consumer Advocate's recommended revisions to Applicant's proposed tariff, we find all of its recommended revisions to be reasonable and necessary. Thus, we conclude that Applicant's proposed tariff should be revised as follows:

³On March 23, 2005, Applicant submitted updated financial statements in response to the Consumer Advocate's Statement of Position and the commission's February 4, 2005 directive, subject to Protective Order No. 21645, filed on February 11, 2005, in this docket. Thus, Applicant appears to have satisfactorily met the requirements of HAR § 6-80-17(c)(1)(E). In response to the Consumer Advocate's Statement of Position, Applicant also submitted its Certificate of Good Standing from the DCCA on February 14, 2005.

1. Section 4.7 (Original Sheet 37) should be clarified as to whether a customer who seeks to subscribe to SmartMessage service is required to pay both the SmartNumber set up fees of \$40 and the SmartMessage set up fees of \$25, as well as both the monthly recurring charges of \$18.95 (for SmartNumber) and \$8.95 (for SmartMessage).
2. Sections 4.8 and 4.9 (Original Sheet 37) should be clarified to indicate whether Smart800 service in Section 4.8 and SmartConference service in Section 4.9 have any one-time set up fees similar to the SmartNumber and SmartMessage services.

IV.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. Applicant is granted a COA to provide intrastate telecommunications services in the State as a reseller.
2. As the holder of a COA, Applicant shall be subject to all applicable provisions of HRS chapter 269, HAR chapters 6-80 and 6-81, any other applicable State laws and commission rules, and any orders that the commission may issue from time to time.
3. Applicant shall file its tariffs in accordance with HAR §§ 6-80-39 and 6-80-40. Applicant's tariffs shall comply with the provisions of HAR chapter 6-80. In the event of

a conflict between any tariff provision and State law, State law shall prevail.

4. Applicant shall conform its initial tariff to the applicable provisions of HAR chapter 6-80. An original and eight (8) copies of the initial tariff shall be filed with the commission, and two (2) additional copies shall be served on the Consumer Advocate. Applicant shall ensure that the appropriate issued and effective dates are reflected in its tariffs.

5. Within thirty (30) days from the date of this Decision and Order, Applicant shall pay a public utility fee of \$60, pursuant to HRS § 269-30. The business check shall be made payable to the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission, and sent to the commission's office at 465 S. King Street #103, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

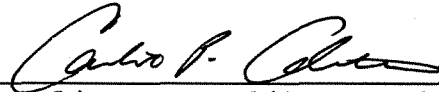
6. Within thirty (30) days from the date of this Decision and Order, Applicant shall also pay a telecommunications relay service ("TRS") contribution of \$10.00, established pursuant to: (A) Act 50, adopted on May 7, 2003 (codified at HRS § 269-16.6); and (B) Order No. 21049, filed on June 10, 2004, in Docket No. 04-0070. (A copy of Order No. 21049 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.) The business check shall be made payable to "Hawaii TRS", and sent to the Hawaii TRS Administrator, NECA Services, Inc., 80 S. Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. Written proof of payment shall be sent to the commission.

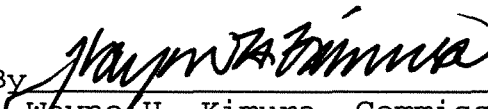
7. Failure to promptly comply with the requirements set forth in paragraphs 3 to 6 may constitute cause to void this


Decision and Order, and may result in further regulatory action,
as authorized by law.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii APR 22 2005.

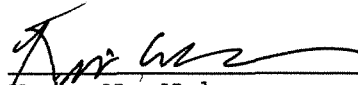
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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By 
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Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

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Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

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Commission Counsel

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Relay Services Fund Size for)
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through June 30, 2005.)
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DOCKET NO. 04-0070

ORDER NO. 21049

Filed June 10, 2004

At 2:01 o'clock P.M.

Bruce Kane

for

Chief Clerk of the Commission

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Docket No. 04-0070
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DECISION AND ORDER

I.

Background

By Order No. 20904, filed on April 15, 2004, the commission initiated the instant proceeding to examine whether to modify the Telecommunications Relay Services ("TRS") carrier contribution factor and fund size for the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, established in accordance with Order No. 20193, filed on May 23, 2003, in Docket No. 03-0058 ("Order No. 20193").¹ Specifically, the commission proposes to modify the carrier contribution factor from 0.00375 to 0.0010 effective on July 1, 2004 ("Proposed Carrier Contribution Factor"). The proposed carrier contribution factor of 0.0010 is expected to remain in effect through June 30, 2005.

¹In Docket No. 03-0058, the commission selected SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS CO., LP. ("Sprint") as the exclusive provider of intrastate TRS within the State of Hawaii ("State of Hawaii") from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006. See Decision and Order No. 20163, filed on April 30 2003. Order No. 20193, filed on May 23, 2003, in Docket No. 03-0058.

The commission also proposes to keep the projected TRS fund size, as of July 1, 2004, at \$680,000 ("Proposed TRS Fund Size").

The commission served copies of Order No. 20904 on The Division of Consumer Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Consumer Advocate") and Sprint, the parties to this proceeding, and mailed copies of Order No. 20904 to all chartered, certificated and registered telecommunications carriers, except payphone providers, at their mailing addresses on file with the commission. Written comments to the proposals were accepted until May 14, 2004. As of the date of this order, only the Consumer Advocate filed written comments on the commission's proposals.²

II.

Background

On May 23, 2003, the commission issued Order No. 20193, in Docket No. 03-0058 which, among other things, ordered: (1) every telecommunications carrier providing intrastate telecommunications service in the State of Hawaii to contract with Sprint for the provision of telecommunications relay service, for the period beginning July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006; (2) every carrier providing intrastate telecommunications service in Hawaii shall contribute to the TRS fund on the basis of gross operating revenues from the retail provision of intrastate telecommunications services during the preceding calendar year,

²Consumer Advocate's Statement of Position, filed on May 7, 2004.

consistent with the terms of Order No. 20193³; (3) contributors' contribution to the TRS fund shall be the product of their gross operating revenue from the retail provision of intrastate telecommunications services during the preceding calendar year, which is subject to investigation by the commission, and a contribution factor determined annually by the commission, consistent with the terms of Order No. 20193; and (4) the annual TRS funding period commences July 1 and ends June 30 of each year.

III.

Discussion

A.

Consumer Advocate's Statement of Position

The Consumer Advocate states that it has no objections to the Commission's proposed carrier contribution factor and the fund size. However, in order to monitor the sufficiency of the fund size and protect against degradation of service, the Consumer Advocate recommends that Sprint should be required to provide TRS reports on a quarterly basis so that the commission may be better and more quickly able to determine whether changes to the contribution factor are warranted. Specifically, the Consumer Advocate recommends that the reports contain: (1) actual number of TRS calls offered by month; (2) actual number of abandoned calls by month; (3) average speed of answer

³The commission specifically excluded payphone providers from contributing to the TRS fund.

in seconds of TRS calls by month; (4) average work time in seconds by month; (5) number of TRS complaints filed either verbally or in writing by month; and (6) detailed data on actual revenues, expenses and investments for TRS services in Hawaii.

B.

Reporting Requirements

Upon review, the commission declines to adopt the Consumer Advocate's recommendation relating to additional reporting requirements primarily because we find these requirements are unnecessary and redundant.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Request for Service ("RFS") in Docket No. 03-0058, which governs the commission's arrangement with Sprint for the provisioning of TRS, Sprint is required to submit the following reports:

- a. Section 4.5 (Payment): "No more than fifteen days after the close of each month, the service provider will submit a report [i.e., billing statement] to the Commission detailing the previous month's work. Then, the Commission, within thirty (30) days of receipt of said report, will authorize or determine a date the provider is authorized to withdraw payment from the TRS account or fund. Total reimbursement shall not exceed the total fixed bid per minute price."
- b. Section 4.13 (Reports): "[A] monthly report with the monthly billing statement which will enable the Commission to monitor whether the Relay service is meeting each of the FCC and State performance standards. The report shall also include summary information on complaints, when appropriate. When applicable, the monthly report should include information on any hardware procedural or service enhancements made to the Relay service. After receiving authorization from the Commission, the selected service provider may request designation of certain written reports as proprietary, consistent with the Commission's practice and procedures."

In compliance with Section 4.5 of the RFS, NECA Services, Inc. ("NECA") files on a monthly basis: (1) a Statement of Fund Performance; and (2) a Delinquent Report. The information includes total fund revenues collected from telecommunications carriers, disbursements to Sprint as authorized by the commission, fund balance as of the end of the previous month, and delinquent carriers that have not paid their TRS fund contributions.

Furthermore, in compliance with Section 4.13 of the RFS, Sprint provides comprehensive, detailed information on minutes of use; traffic reporting statistics, including number of calls offered and abandoned, average speed of answer, and average work time; speech-to-speech statistics; and CapTel results. The billing statement also includes summary reporting of customer complaints and outreach efforts.

The commission notes that the Consumer Advocate has not been copied on any of these reports previously filed with the commission and we hereinafter will require Sprint to copy the Consumer Advocate on these reports going forward. Sprint's existing reports contain much of the information the Consumer Advocate appears to be seeking. The only type of information not included in Sprint's reports is specific investment information, however, we do not believe that that information needs to be included in the compliance reports.⁴

⁴As Sprint has already been doing, it should continue to keep the commission informed, and seek our approval as appropriate, on new investments it plans to make to its network or operations that are expected to impact TRS in Hawaii. Sprint should also keep the Consumer Advocate informed of these new investments.

C.

Carrier Contribution Factor and Fund Size

Upon further review, the commission finds it reasonable to adopt the commission's proposals to modify the existing carrier contribution factor and fund size in their entirety as stated in Order No. 20904. In particular, the carrier contribution factor for the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 is 0.0010 and the projected TRS fund size as of July 1, 2004 will be established at \$680,000.

III.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. The commission's proposed modifications to the existing contribution factors and fund size, as stated in Order No. 20904, is adopted in their entirety.

2. The contribution factor for the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 is 0.0010. The projected TRS fund size as of July 1, 2004 is \$680,000.

3. Each carrier shall complete and submit a TRS Reporting Worksheet, attached to this Order as Exhibit "A".

4. Annual contributions are due July 26th; carriers who owe contributions \$1,200 or more may pay in twelve equal monthly installments, due on the 26th of each month, provided that they submit their TRS Reporting Worksheet by July 26th.

5. For carriers reporting \$10,000 or less in gross intrastate retail revenues, they shall contribute at least \$10.00 for the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.


6. Every carrier, except Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") providers, shall comply with the 30-day notice requirement of HRS § 269-16(b) and HAR § 6-80-40(b) for any TRS surcharge imposed on its customers, both residential and business, to recover the amount of its contribution. CMRS providers shall place information on their TRS surcharges on their websites, consistent with Decision and Order No. 20890, filed on April 7, 2004, in Docket No. 02-0186.

7. Sprint shall copy the Consumer Advocate on the following reports to the commission: (1) Statement of Fund Performance; (2) Delinquent Report; and (3) TRS Performance Information and Statistics.


8. Order No. 20193, filed on May 23, 2003, in Docket No. 03-0058, is amended consistent with the terms and conditions of this decision and order. In all other respects, Order No. 20193 remains unchanged.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 10th day of June, 2004.

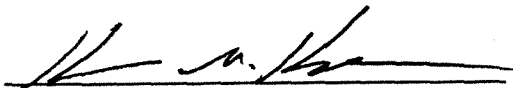
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Kevin M. Katsura
Commission Counsel

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State of Hawaii
Public Utilities Commission
Telecommunications Relay Services
Carrier Remittance Worksheet
For the Period July 1, 20__ - June 30, 20__

SECTION A		CARRIER IDENTIFICATION
Date:		
Company Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Email Address:		

SECTION B		REMITTANCE CALCULATION
1. Gross Revenues (Prior Calendar Year) <small>(e.g., Current year is 2004; Report revenues from 2003) (Amount should match gross revenues reported for Hawaii PUC Fee purposes, HRS § 269-30)</small>		
2. Less: Revenue Adjustments <small>(describe, see Section E)</small>	<	>
3. Gross Intrastate Retail Revenues		
4. Hawaii TRS Contribution Factor	.001	
5. Gross Hawaii TRS Assessment <small>(line 3 x line 4)</small>		
6. Greater of line 5 or \$10.00 (minimum due)		
<p>If Line 6 is less than \$1,200, this is your annual contribution to the TRS Fund for the period beginning July 1st of the current year to June 30th of the following year. Please pay the amount on line 6, in full, by July 26th of the current year. Send your remittance with a copy of this worksheet to the address listed below.</p> <p>If Line 6 is \$1,200 or more, continue to line 7 below.</p>		

SECTION C		MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION
7. Divide line 6 by 12		
<p>Line 7 is your first monthly contribution to the TRS Fund, for the period beginning July 1st of the current year to June 30th of the following year. Send your 1st monthly remittance with a copy of this worksheet to the address listed below. Please pay the amount on line 7 by July 26th. NECA Services, Inc. will then send you a bill for the remaining eleven monthly payments.</p>		

SECTION D				CERTIFICATION
<p>Under penalties as provided by law, I certify that I am duly authorized to verify the foregoing information contained herein and that the information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.</p>				
Date	Officer Name	Officer Signature	Officer Title	
Date	Contact Name	Contact Phone	Contact Title	

<p style="text-align: center;">Questions???</p> <p>Hawaii TRS Administrator NECA Services, Inc. 80 S. Jefferson Road Whippany, NJ 07981 Phone (973) 884-8011 Fax (973) 599-6504</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Make checks payable to "Hawaii TRS" and send with worksheet to: Attn: Hawaii TRS Administrator NECA Services, Inc. 80 S. Jefferson Road Whippany, NJ 07981</p>
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SECTION E DETAIL CONCERNING REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS

If revenue adjustment(s) are not explained here, amounts deducted will be disallowed and proposed assessments may be prepared against you.

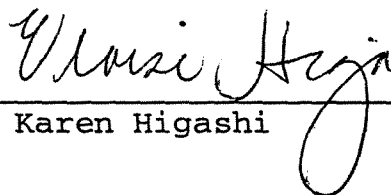
Describe amounts deducted from Gross Revenues to obtain Gross Intrastate Retail Revenues (list):	Amount
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 21049 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
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for Karen Higashi

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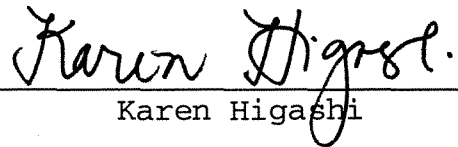
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