

Decision No. 14 141

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph
Company, a corporation, and J. P.
THOMAS, for an order authorizing The
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company
to sell to J. P. Thomas a toll telephone
line extending between Garberville,
Sebbas and Kenny and from Sebbas to
Andersonia and Piercy, including the
telephone exchange at Kenny, all places
mentioned being in Humboldt and Mendo-
cino Counties, California, and J. P.
Thomas to purchase and acquire the same.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 10199.

J. G. Marshall for Applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, appli-
cant in this proceeding, is a corporation owning and operating
telephone exchanges and telephone toll lines in Humboldt and
Mendocino Counties, California, and doing a general telephone
and telegraph business throughout the State of California and
elsewhere. J. P. Thomas, applicant in this proceeding, is
an individual owning and operating a telephone exchange at
Garberville, Humboldt County, California, with telephone lines
extending into certain portions of Humboldt County.

Authorization of this Commission is requested by
The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company to transfer certain
of its telephone properties in Humboldt and Mendocino Counties
to J. P. Thomas and by J. P. Thomas to purchase and acquire such
properties.

The properties which it is desired to transfer are described, generally, as a telephone line extending from Garberville south through Sebbas to Kenny, a telephone line extending from Sebbas to Andersonia, and a telephone exchange at Kenny, including all poles, crossarms, wires and other appurtenances, except any and all telephone sub-sets and telephone lines connected to Kenny Exchange which are owned by the subscribers.

A public hearing in this matter was held in Garberville September 4, 1924, before Examiner Satterwhite. The testimony shows that the telephone properties involved in this proceeding have been in the past an essential portion of the only direct San Francisco - Eureka toll line of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Due to difficulties encountered in maintaining certain portions of this toll line, principally on account of heavy fogs, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has constructed a toll line along the Northwestern Pacific Railroad between Willits and Eureka over which all through business is now being routed, and as a result the telephone line between Garberville and Kenny is no longer needed for through business and this line at the present time is used for local business only.

Due to the location of the line between Garberville and Kenny through heavily wooded districts over mountainous country at a considerable distance from the headquarters of the local repair crews of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company the maintenance cost has been heavy. It was shown by the testimony of witnesses for applicants that the maintenance cost to The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company could not be materially reduced, but that J. P. Thomas, who has his home at Garberville,

would be able to give the line his personal attention and could, therefore, maintain it at a lower cost.

Mr. Thomas stated that if he is allowed to acquire this telephone line that he will provide the same service and charge the same rates for such service over this line, as is at present in effect. Mr. Thomas expressed a willingness to assume all the obligations involved in operating this line as a public utility.

Considering the extent of the properties to be transferred it appears that the sale price, \$500.00, is not unreasonable.

There was no evidence presented to oppose the granting of this application.

O R D E R

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company having made application to the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain telephone properties in Humboldt and Mendocino Counties to J. P. Thomas, and J. P. Thomas having made application to purchase said telephone properties, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and the Commission being of the opinion that the granting of the authority herein requested will be in the public interest;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company be, and it is hereby authorized to sell and J. P. Thomas be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase and acquire the telephone properties located in Humboldt and Mendocino Counties and more particularly described in the form of agreement filed with the application in this matter and identified as "Exhibit A", and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that J. P. Thomas charge and collect the rates as set forth in Exhibit "I" attached hereto

for telephone service rendered after the date of transfer over said telephone properties.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that

(1) J. P. Thomas shall file with the Railroad Commission within sixty (60) days after the acquisition of said telephone properties from The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, the rates for service as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, together with rates for any and all telephone service rendered by him in the entire extent of his telephone operations;

(2) With the Railroad Commission within sixty (60) days after the acquisition of said telephone properties from The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, rules and regulations to govern service as may be informally approved by the Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted to transfer said telephone properties shall apply only to such transfer as shall have been made on or before November 1, 1924.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company shall file a certified copy of the instrument of conveyance with the Railroad Commission within thirty (30) days of the date on which it is executed.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the consideration at which the public utility properties are herein authorized to be transferred shall not be considered as a measure of the value of said properties for any purpose other than the transfer herein authorized.

EXHIBIT "A".

EXCHANGE SERVICE SCHEDULE NO. A-1.

General Service:

Applicable to Individual Line Service and Party Line Service within the Primary Rate Area of the Kenny Exchange or a radius of one-half mile from the central office.

Rate:

	Rate per Month.	
	Wall Station.	Desk Station.
Business flat rate service:		
Each individual Line Station	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.75
Each Two-party Line Station	2.00	2.25
Each extension Station	1.00	1.00
Residence flat rate service:		
Each individual Line Station	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.25
Each Two-party Line Station	1.75	2.00
Each Four-party Line Station	1.50	1.75
Each Extension Station without bell	.50	.75
Each Extension Station with bell	.65	1.00

Extension stations are provided in connection with individual line and two-party line service. The maximum number of extension stations which will be connected to a primary station is three to an individual line station and one to a two-party line station. None are connected to four-party line stations. Two additional extension stations will be provided in connection with individual line service if keys are ordered and installed so that not more than three extension stations will be connected to a line when in use.

Extension stations for business service will be installed outside the premises in which the primary station is located, provided they are for use by the subscriber only and are located on the subscriber's premises and within the standard

transmission limits. Extension stations for residence service will be installed only in connection with the subscriber's service for use by the subscriber and must be located on the same premises. Extension stations at the above rates are installed on the premises in which the primary station is located. The above rates plus mileage rates are applicable to outside extension stations.

The individual line and party line services will be provided outside the primary rate area and within the exchange area at the above rates plus mileage rates.

EXCHANGE SERVICE SCHEDULE NO. A-7.

Applicable to Farmor Line Service within the exchange area of Kenny Exchange.

Rate:

	Rate per year	
	Each Residence Station	Each Business Station
Farmer Line Service	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00

Farmer line service will be furnished outside the primary rate area and within the exchange area. A farmer line station shall not be located within the primary rate area. A Farmer line shall not extend across an exchange area boundary.

The Company will provide, own and maintain all lines and facilities used to furnish farmer line service to the boundary of the Primary Rate Area except where the city limits are beyond this boundary, in which case the lines and facilities extend to the boundary of the city limits.

The subscriber will provide, own and maintain all lines and facilities beyond the boundary of the Primary Rate Area or city limits.

Farmer line service will be rendered outside the primary rate area but within the exchange area to less than five subscribers; providing the total minimum exchange revenue of each circuit is not less than that of five residence stations.

The subscriber will be allowed a discount of Ten Per Cent (10%) on the charge for exchange service, if bill is paid at the Company's office during the first month of the year. New subscribers will be billed from the date of connection to the end of the year, and annually in advance thereafter. Initial bills rendered new subscribers will be subject to a Ten Per Cent (10%) discount on the charge for exchange service, provided the bill is paid at the Company's office within thirty days after date of bill.

EXCHANGE SERVICE SCHEDULE NO. A-10.

Applicable to Mileage Rates outside the Primary Rate Area of Kenny Exchange.

Rate:

Mileage charges, based on air line mileage, measured between the station and the nearest point on the boundary of the primary rate area are effective in addition to the rates for service within the primary rate area.

OUTSIDE PRIMARY RATE AREA AND WITHIN EXCHANGE AREA	Rate Per Month.
Each quarter mile or fraction:	
Each individual line station, not including extension stations - - - - -	\$.50
Each private branch exchange trunk line, battery power and ringing circuit - - - - -	.50
Each two-party line station, not including extension stations - - - - -	.35
Each four-party line station - - - - -	.25

EXCHANGE SERVICE SCHEDULE NO. A-13.

Applicable to Public Telephone Service within the Kenny
Exchange Area.

Rate: Public Telephone Service.

Each exchange message - \$0.05.

EXCHANGE SERVICE SCHEDULE NO. A-14.

Applicable to Suburban Service within the Kenny Exchange Area.

Rate:

SUBURBAN SERVICE	Rate Per Month Wall Station	Per Month Desk Station
Each Suburban Business station - - - - -	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.75
Each Suburban Residence station - - - - -	3.00	3.25

Suburban service will be rendered outside the primary rate area but within the exchange area. In no case will the total number of stations connected to one circuit exceed ten (10) stations.

Where suburban circuits are not located on existing plant outside the primary rate area, suburban service will be rendered when there are five or more applicants or when there will be an average of at least one station for each half-mile of line extension..

TOLL SERVICE - SCHEDULE NO. B-1.

General Service:

Applicable to station-to-station, person-to-person and appointment and messenger toll service between any two toll stations or exchanges.

Rate for messages between any two points shown in table below:

(1) Station-to-station Day Service

(a) The initial period rates applicable to station-to-station toll messages are as shown in the following table:

	Andersonia	Garberville	Kenny
Andersonia	-		
Garberville	\$0.10	-	
Kenny	.10	.15	-
Piercy	.10	.10	.10

(b) Initial period and overtime period:

Where the initial rate is	The initial period is	The overtime period is
\$0.10	5 minutes	3 minutes
.15	5 "	2 "

(c) Overtime rate:

Where the initial rate is	The overtime rate is
\$0.10	\$0.05
.15	.05

(2) Person-to-person, appointment and messenger rate and report charge.

Rate for initial period of three minutes or less:

<u>Station-to-Station Day Service Rates</u>	<u>Corresponding completed Person-to-Person Rate</u>	<u>Corresponding completed Appointment and Messenger Rate.</u>	<u>Corresponding Report Charge</u>
\$0.10	\$0.15	\$0.20	\$0.05
.15	.20	.25	.10

Rate for Periods in Excess of the Initial Three
Minute Period.

<u>Where the ini- tial rate is</u>	<u>The overtime period is</u>	<u>The overtime rate is</u>
\$0.15	1 minute	\$0.05
.20	1 "	.05
.25	1 "	.05

(3) Night Rates.

Station-to-Station Night Rates are the same as
Station-to-Station Day Rates.

Rates for Messages to other points:

Rates for all classes of toll telephone service offered, including Station-to-station, Person-to-person and Appointment and Messenger service, from Andersonia, Kenny or Piercy to any point on the lines of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, are based on air line measurement between Andersonia, Kenny or Piercy and the point called in accordance with Order No. 2495 and certain other orders of the Post-Master General and are shown in the tariff books of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE - SCHEDULE NO. C-1.

The rates applicable to general telegraph service will be the rates at present in effect.