

DECISION NO. 25106**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH
COMPANY for an Order to adjust rates
at its Jamestown exchange in connection
with increasing the hours of service.

Application No. 18129.

James G. Marshall, for The Pacific Telephone
and Telegraph Company.

STEVENOT, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, a corporation, operating a general telephone and telegraph business in California and other states, herein requests authorization to make effective in its Jamestown Exchange certain increased rates for telephone service coincident with the establishment of twenty-four hour continuous service.

A public hearing in this application was held at Jamestown on August 18, 1932, when the matter was taken under submission.

H. E. Owens, Division Manager, Commercial Department of applicant company, submitted in evidence relevant facts and figures as to book value, revenues and expenses of the exchange from which telephone service in Jamestown and vicinity, in Tuolumne County, is received. The average plant in service in this exchange for the calendar year 1931 was approximately \$6,300. The revenues accredited to the exchange totaled \$2,122.73. The expenses and deductions, amounting to \$3,163.06, exceeded the revenues by \$1,040.33. It is estimated that the average plant in service in the Jamestown Exchange for the first year of operation with twenty-four hour continuous

service will be \$13,300., and that the revenues at the proposed rates will be \$3,060. The expenses and deductions are estimated at \$2,430., allowing a balance net revenue of \$630.

Applicant proposes to purchase a lot, erect a building, install dial central office equipment therein, and to change the subscribers' telephones from magneto to dial before increased rates will be applicable. Coin-box service and toll telephone service will be supervised and information service will be furnished from Sonora, located a few miles distant from Jamestown. There are 55 subscribers to telephone service in the Jamestown Exchange, with 67 telephones in use. Two of the former line subscribers are agreeable to the equipment of their telephones with dials and the other one will change to suburban service. The evidence shows that each subscriber whose charges for service will be affected if the application is granted had signed a card agreeing to the proposed increase in rate for continuous service. Seven application cards for service, coincident with the change in hours of service, were filed in evidence. It is anticipated that there will be eighty-nine telephone stations in the Jamestown Exchange within twelve months after the continuous dial service has been established.

Although full opportunity was given at the hearing for interested parties to be heard, no one representing the community made formal appearance or voiced any opinion in this matter.

The rates which the utility desires to increase, the proposed rates and the hours of service are as follows:

Rate Per Month	
Present	Proposed
Hours of Service	Hours of Service
Week Days 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.	
Sundays and Holidays 8 A.M. to 12 M.	Continuous

Business Flat Rate Service:

Each individual line desk set station.....	\$2.75	\$3.00
Each two-party line desk set station.....	2.25	2.50

Residence Flat Rate Service:

Each individual line desk set station.....	2.25	2.50
Each two-party line desk set station.....	2.00	2.25
Each four-party line desk set station.....	1.75	2.00

Each wall set station - desk set station rate less \$.25 per month.

Each hand set station - desk set station rate plus \$.25 per month.

The present rates in the Jamestown Exchange for the grades of service specified are the lowest this utility has in effect in California, and the rates proposed are the same as those effective elsewhere in California for similar service and will not be unreasonable.

Mr. Owens also proposed a revision of the base rate area of Jamestown Exchange with a boundary which can be more easily located. As no subscriber's charges for telephone service will be affected by this change, the proposal will be accepted.

The following form of order is recommended.

ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company having requested of the Railroad Commission authorization to make effective in its Jamestown Exchange certain increased rates for telephone

service, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and being ready for decision;

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA hereby finds as a fact that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company should increase the hours of service and certain telephone rates in its Jamestown Exchange, as stated in the Opinion which precedes this Order, and

Basing its order on the foregoing finding of fact and such other statements of fact or conclusions which appear in the preceding Opinion,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company shall, on or before April 1, 1933, replace its present magneto system in its Jamestown Exchange with a dial system with twenty-four (24) hour continuous service.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company may make effective for service in its Jamestown Exchange, on and after the date of the establishment of twenty-four (24) hour continuous service, the proposed rates set forth in the Opinion preceding this Order, provided

- (1) The schedules of rates herein ordered are submitted for filing with the Railroad Commission on or before the fifteenth (15) day immediately preceding the date of the establishment of the proposed service.
- (2) A modified base rate area as shown on a map submitted as Exhibit No. 3 at the hearing herein is submitted for filing with the Railroad Commission as in (1) above.

