

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 28817

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of
THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH
COMPANY, a corporation, for an order
to adjust rates at its Moss Beach
Exchange in connection with increas-
ing the hours of service.

Application No. 20420.

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

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, operating a general telephone and telegraph business in California and elsewhere, herein requests an order authorizing it to increase certain rates for telephone service in its Moss Beach Exchange concurrent with placing in service a dial system with continuous twenty-four hour service.

The matter was submitted for decision at a hearing in this proceeding held before Examiner Fry at Moss Beach on April 23, 1936.

Mr. G. P. Wallick, Division Commercial Manager of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company presented testimony concerning present and proposed operations in the Moss Beach Exchange. Applicant desires to change the system from manual magneto to com-

mon battery dial operation. Exchange calls would be completed by direct dialing. Post-payment coin-box service would be available. Long distance and all reference services would be performed at the San Mateo Exchange. Maintenance work would continue to be done by the San Mateo repair forces. Arrangements would be made so that applicants could subscribe for service and subscribers could pay their telephone bills in Moss Beach. The present hours of service of the Moss Beach Exchange are 8:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m. on weekdays and 10:00 a. m. to 12:00 m. on Sundays and holidays. Twenty-four hour continuous service would be available with the dial system and could be made ready for service in six months after authorization. For the year 1935 the revenues amounted to \$1,253, the expenses were \$2,969 and the average plant, equipment and working assets were \$15,137. The revenues were insufficient to pay the expenses of the exchange by \$1,716. Mr. Wallick estimated that for the year 1936 with 46 stations the revenues would be \$1,650, the expenses would be \$2,860 with average plant, equipment and working assets of \$20,200. This estimate indicates that the applicant would fail to make expenses in the exchange by \$1,210. The present and proposed rates of the Moss Beach Exchange which would be modified are shown on Exhibit "A" attached to the application. The monthly increases requested do not in any case exceed twenty-five cents per month per station. Both the present and proposed schedules show the same rate for business extension stations with wall or desk sets. Applicant has no objection to a rate for the extension with a wall telephone which would be the desk set rate less twenty-five cents per month.

Mr. Wallick stated that he had received requests from time to time for continuous hours of service. Fifteen of the sixteen subscribers whose charges for telephone service would be affected signed cards agreeing to the increased rates if and when the twenty-four hour continuous dial service is established. A card was signed for the service of the United States Coast Guard. There were also received six new applications for service effective if and when the dial service is established. The evidence shows that subscribers have no objection to the establishment of the dial service, the extension of the hours of service, or the increases in certain rates.

O R D E R

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company having applied to the Railroad Commission for authority to increase certain rates for telephone service in its Moss Beach Exchange concurrent with the establishment of a dial system, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and now 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 furnish continuous twenty-four (24) hour service from its Moss Beach Exchange coincident with the establishment of the dial service, and increased rates as discussed in the Opinion which precedes this Order, and

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company shall on or before January 1, 1937 install in its present Moss Beach Exchange 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 Moss Beach Exchange on and after the date of the establishment of twenty-four (24) hour continuous dial service the rates proposed in the application, except as modified for business extension wall set station as set forth in the preceding Opinion and provided:

(1) Said schedules of rates herein ordered are submitted for filing with the Railroad Commission between the thirtieth and tenth days immediately preceding the date of the establishment of the proposed Moss Beach dial service.

(2) No other rates or charges are affected by this Order.

For all other purposes the effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this ~~18th~~ day of

May, 1936.

M. B. Lewis
Leon Whittell
M. A. Cunn
W. H. ...
Green ...
Commissioners.