

Decision No. 28818.

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 Half Moon Bay
Exchange in connection with increasing
the hours of service.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 20421.

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, a corporation, operating a general telephone and telegraph business in California and other states, herein requests authority to make certain increases in rates for exchange telephone service in its Half Moon Bay Exchange coincident with the installation of dial equipment with twenty-four hour continuous service.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held before Examiner Fry at Half Moon Bay on April 23, 1936, when the matter was submitted for decision.

Half Moon Bay is situated about twenty-two miles south of San Francisco, in San Mateo County. The Half Moon Bay exchange area has a population of about 1,200 who were receiving telephone service as of April 8, 1936, from ninety-eight telephone stations. The hours of service are 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on week days and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays and holidays.

Mr. G. P. Wallick, Division Commercial Manager for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, presented testimony relative to the desires of the community for continuous hours of service, and the present and proposed operations of the Half Moon Bay Exchange. From time to time in years past the applicant has received requests for an extension of the hours of service of the exchange. More recently the Half Moon Bay Lions Club and the Half Moon Bay Chamber of Commerce became actively engaged in the move to secure longer hours of telephone service which resulted in the present application. Seventy-three of the seventy-four subscribers whose charges for telephone service would be increased under applicant's proposal signed cards signifying their agreement to the increase. One subscriber declined to sign a card agreeing to the increased rate for his service, but has entered no objection in this proceeding, although full opportunity at the hearing was afforded to any one who had any objection to the granting of the application.

It is proposed to replace the manual magneto central office equipment with common battery dial equipment. Local service within the exchange area would be direct dialing. Toll switching service and reference service would be furnished from the San Mateo Exchange. Post payment coin-box service would be available at public and semi-public coin-box telephones. The San Mateo Exchange maintenance forces would continue to do the maintenance work of the Half Moon Bay Exchange. Arrangements would be made so that applications for telephone service would be filed and bills paid in Half Moon Bay.

Applicant's proposed rates were filed with the application as Exhibit "A." No increase in any rate would be in excess

of twenty-five cents per month per station. No increase in rates for suburban service is proposed. No changes in inter-exchange telephone or telegraph rates are proposed. The proposed rate for a business extension station with wall set is the same as that with the desk set. We believe that the rate with wall set should be the desk set rate less twenty-five cents per month. Counsel for applicant offered no objection to this change. The level of the proposed rates is that generally in effect for these small dial exchanges.

The revenues for the Half Moon Bay Exchange for 1935 were \$4,656.; expenses, \$4,920.; and average plant, equipment and working assets, \$11,343. The expenses were \$264. in excess of the revenues. Mr. Wallick estimates that for the first year of dial operation with ninety-eight company stations in service the revenues would be \$4,920.; expenses, \$3,720.; balance net revenues, \$1,210.; and average plant, equipment and working assets, \$16,130..

O R D E R

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company having made application to the Railroad Commission for authority to increase certain rates for exchange telephone service in its Half Moon Bay Exchange, 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 increase the hours of service and certain rates for service in its Half Moon Bay Exchange coincident with the establishment of a dial system therein, and

Basing its order on the foregoing findings of fact and such other statements of fact and conclusions as 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 Half Moon Bay Exchange a common battery 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 Half Moon Bay Exchange on and after the date of the establishment of twenty-four (24) hour continuous dial service, the proposed rates set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to the application, except as modified for business extension wall set service as discussed 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 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.

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