

Decision No. 23348

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH
COMPANY.

and

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE COMPANY
for an order authorizing the revision
of rates, charges, and conditions ap-
plicable to private line Morse service,
private line teletypewriter service,
press-private line teletypewriter
service, combinations of private line
services, and press-combinations of
private line services.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, sometimes hereinafter termed the Pacific Company, and Southern California Telephone Company, at times hereinafter termed the Southern California Company, ask the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the revision of certain rate schedules applicable for private line services furnished in California.

It is proposed to modify and simplify the schedules of rates and charges for teletypewriter station equipment, and to revise the treatment for drop service, switching arrangements, and temporary service and rearrangements of service. Teletypewriter station equipment would be offered at flat monthly rates for twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week. The interexchange and interzone channel rates for private line teletypewriter services offered for other than press use, would be revised. The proposed Private Line Service Schedules No. G-3 for private line

teletypewriter service apply between stations within the State of California. The facilities, including channels and the station equipment furnished, enable the customer to communicate by means of teletypewriter equipment between specified locations. The customer may secure channel facilities suitable for connecting his own teletypewriter equipment at specific locations.

The application of the revised G-3 schedules would result in increases for two customers, totaling thirty-six dollars each per year. Attached to the application are letters written by these customers agreeing to the proposed increase in rates for their services. All other customers receiving service under this schedule would experience decreases in their charges. It is estimated that the total annual decrease in charges under the revised G-3 schedules would be \$39,686.80 for Pacific Company customers and \$13,246.08 for Southern California Company customers.

Applicants propose to revise their Private Line Service Schedules No. G-2 for private line Morse service, which contain the rates and charges for Morse service between stations in California. This service relates to the furnishing of the requisite facilities, including channels and station equipment, which will enable the customer and authorized users to communicate in Morse or similar code between specified locations. It is estimated that the annual reduction in revenues which would result if these revisions of the rates and charges are authorized in the G-2 schedules for station equipment, local channels, interexchange and interzone channels, drop service, switching arrangements, and temporary service and rearrangements of service, would amount to \$3,004.08 per year.

A major revision of the G-2 schedules would be the change from railroad to air-line measurement for interexchange and

interzone channels on private line Morse services offered for other than press use, together with rate modifications to correspond with those proposed for forty-speed teletypewriter channels eight to twenty-four hours per day.

Applicants propose to revise their G-4 schedules which set forth the rates and charges for combinations of private line services furnished over facilities between stations in California. Combined full-period private line telephone-teletypewriter service would be furnished on an alternate use basis, and combined private line teletypewriter-Morse service would also be furnished on an alternate use basis for a minimum period of eight hours per day. The changes in the G-4 schedules would result in no increases and a net annual revenue decrease of \$744.

Applicants also propose to revise their Private Line Service Schedules No. G-13 for press-private line teletypewriter service. This service is furnished between stations, two or more of which are located in separate exchanges or zones, and contemplates the furnishing of the requisite facilities, including channels and station equipment, necessary for communication between specified locations by means of teletypewriter equipment. This revision would result in no increase to any present customer, but would effect an annual reduction of \$1,680 in the companies' revenues. This revenue reduction would result from a revision of the rates for teletypewriter station equipment which rates would conform to the rates for similar service to others than the press.

It is proposed to revise Applicants' Private Line Service Schedules No. G-14 for press-combinations of private line services. This will have no effect on present services or on the revenues of the utilities.

Applicants propose to modify their Private Line Service Schedules No. G-22 for move and change charges. These are not regularly recurring charges, and the proposed revision would not affect any present subscriber unless he elected to order some change in auxiliary teletypewriter equipment for automatic transmission, or required a change of location of such equipment.

The total of the estimated annual net revenue effects of the proposed schedule modifications of the two applicants is a reduction of \$58,362.96.

The proposals contained in the application herein have been carefully checked and studied by the Commission's Staff and are deemed to be in the public interest.

The Commission has given due consideration to the requested rate schedule modifications of applicants, and is of the opinion that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Southern California Telephone Company having requested the Railroad Commission to make an order authorizing the revision of certain private line service schedules, the matter having been given careful consideration, and it appearing that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is required,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA hereby finds as a fact that the rate schedule revisions referred to in the preceding Opinion are justified.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company may make effective on or before June 1, 1940, the revised G-2, G-3, G-4, G-13, G-14 and G-22 schedules of rates and charges for private line services set forth in Exhibit "A" attached

to the application herein, provided said schedules are filed with the Railroad Commission, in accordance with General Order No. 68, not later than five (5) days immediately preceding their effective date.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Southern California Telephone Company may make effective on or before June 1, 1940, the revised G-2, G-3, G-4, G-13, G-14 and G-22 schedules of rates and charges for private line services set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to the application herein, provided said schedules are filed with the Railroad Commission, in accordance with General Order No. 68, not later than five (5) days immediately preceding their effective date.

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 9th day of April, 1940.

Ray C. Rice
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Commissioners