

Decision No. 23951

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 make certain modifications in the
base rate area boundary of its ex-
change at Sacramento, California.

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Application No. 23951

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, operating a general telephone and telegraph business in California and other states, herein requests authority to enlarge the base rate area of its Sacramento exchange as shown on a map entitled Exhibit "A" attached to the application.

The base rate area is generally considered to be the more closely built-up section of the exchange area, in which the base rates apply without mileage charges.

Enlargement of the base rate area of the Sacramento exchange as proposed would result in the elimination of mileage charges to one thousand seventy-three (1073) subscribers and a reduction in mileage charges to one hundred ninety-seven (197) other subscribers. Thirty-five (35) residence subscribers receiving ten-party line service would be able to have a higher grade of service at the same or lower rates. Seven (7) business subscribers receiving ten-party line service would be required to relinquish that grade of service, as no ten-party line service would be furnished in the base rate area. Six (6) of these subscribers to business ten-party line service have signified in writing their willingness to discontinue ten-party line service and to subscribe for individual line or two-party

line service which would then be obtainable without the present mileage charges. One subscriber to business ten-party line service objects to the relinquishment of his present service. There would be available to him the much higher grades of business individual line and two-party line services at higher rates.

The granting of this application would result in a reduction in bills estimated to amount to sixteen thousand four hundred sixty-six dollars (\$16,466). It is apparent that this benefit to more than twelve hundred subscribers should not be withheld on account of the objection of one subscriber.

The Commission has considered the request of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and is of the opinion that the application should be granted and that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is required, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company shall enlarge the base rate area of the Sacramento exchange, as shown on the map entitled Exhibit "A" attached to the application, effective on or before May 1, 1941, subject to the condition that no irregularity or deviation shall be created thereby.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company shall file with the Railroad Commission on or before the fifth day immediately preceding the effective date of the base rate area extension, a map showing the base rate area of the Sacramento exchange enlarged as shown on the map referred to as Exhibit "A."

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 18th
day of February, 1941.

Francis A. Havenner
Karl G. Walden
Ray L. Pitts
Justin J. Cramer
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Commissioners