

ORIGINALDecision No. 34508

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 adjustment of
 interexchange rates over certain routes
 within the State of California to conform
 with the rates in effect over toll routes
 of similar distance.

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) No. 24337.
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BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this proceeding The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Southern California Telephone Company request an order authorizing the filing and making effective of certain interexchange rates for telephone service over certain toll routes in the State of California.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, hereinafter sometimes termed Pacific Company, operates a general telephone business in California and other states. Southern California Telephone Company, hereinafter sometimes termed Southern Company, operates a general telephone business in the southern part of California.

The Pacific Company has on file with the Commission complete schedules of rates for the California intrastate service of the two companies. By Adoption Notice these schedules have been made a part of Southern Company's tariffs. Among other things, the filed Interexchange Rate Schedule contains a description of the method of applying interexchange rates for toll service over routes for which the rate mileage is forty (40) miles or less, as follows:

"The rate distance between rate centers which are 40 miles or less direct air-line distance from each other is the direct air-line distance between the rate centers as scaled on United States Government Post Route Maps."

For rate distances not exceeding forty (40) miles, the toll routes are segregated into six groups as follows: 0 to 6 miles, over 6 to 12 miles, over 12 to 18 miles, over 18 to 24 miles, over 24 to 32 miles, and over 32 to 40 miles. The initial period station-to-station interexchange rates for these routes vary in regular steps from five (5) cents to thirty (30) cents, respectively.

It is stated in the application that Pacific Company has been applying initial period station-to-station rates of ten (10) cents over its Crockett-Martinez and Mill Valley-Stinson Beach toll routes which do not conform to the rate of five (5) cents shown in the Intrastate Rate Table for rate mileages not exceeding six miles.

Southern Company has been applying a rate of fifteen (15) cents instead of twenty (20) cents for service over its Redondo-Malibu toll route, ten (10) cents instead of fifteen (15) cents for service over its Van Nuys-Malibu toll route, ten (10) cents instead of five (5) cents for service over its Highland-Redlands toll route, twenty (20) cents instead of fifteen (15) cents for service over its West Los Angeles-Crescenta toll route, and fifteen (15) cents instead of ten (10) cents for service over its North Hollywood-West Los Angeles toll route.

Applicants now desire to file and make effective for service over these seven toll routes the interexchange rates which conform to those shown in the California Intrastate Rate Table. The rates for other types of toll service over these routes would be affected in accordance with the Intrastate Rate Table.

The estimated total annual decrease in revenue over the five routes for which the rates would be reduced five (5) cents each is \$5,910; the estimated total annual increase in revenue over the two routes for which the rates would be increased five (5) cents each is \$50, and the total net annual decrease is \$5,860.

All interexchange rates of applicants should conform to their Intrastate Rate Table so that equitable and nondiscriminatory rates and charges over all toll routes will be maintained.

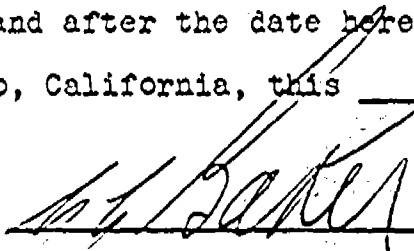
The Commission has carefully considered the request of the applicants and is of the opinion that the authority requested should be granted, and that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is required, therefore

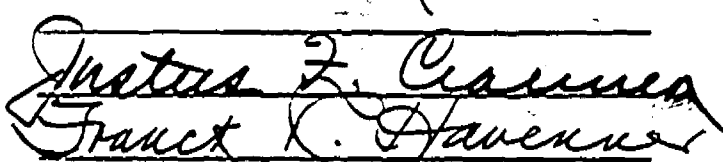
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Southern California Telephone Company shall:

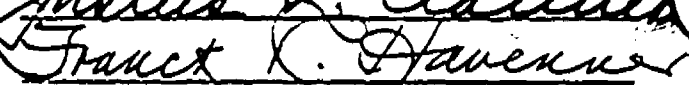
- (1) Make effective on or before October 1, 1941, for toll service over the seven above-named toll routes, the proposed rates set forth in the application.
- (2) Submit to the Railroad Commission for filing in accordance with General Order No. 68, the interexchange rates referred to in (1) above not later than ten (10) 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 19th day of August, 1941.







Commissioners