

Decision No. 40202

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH
COMPANY, a corporation, for authority
to discontinue the operation of a
telephone exchange at Donner City,
Nevada County, California.

Application No. 28346

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OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, a corporation, operating a telephone system in California and elsewhere, herein seeks authority to discontinue its Donner City exchange, Nevada County, effective as of June 1, 1947.

Donner City exchange serves an area comprising six square miles of mountainous terrain near the eastern border of California. Applicant alleges that this area is undeveloped except for a small summer resort on Donner Lake and some residences used in the summer and in a few instances during the winter sports season. Applicant states there are no permanent residences within the exchange since winter roads in the area other than the transcontinental highway are impassable. Applicant further states the Donner City exchange was established in 1926 as a seasonal exchange to provide service during the summer months and that a maximum development of 14 stations was reached in 1934 and that at present only four stations are served.

Applicant proposes to enlarge the exchange area of its Truckee exchange, Nevada County, to include the area now within its Donner City exchange and establish a public toll station at Donner City, thereby furnishing continuous service instead of the present Donner City service which is limited to the hours between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. during the months the exchange is open.

Exchange charges to subscribers will be increased and there will be both increases and decreases in the toll charges. There were 580 originating intrastate toll messages and \$244.50 associated revenues in the six months' period from June 21 to December 20, 1946.

Attached to the application are photostatic copies of letters filed by the subscribers affected agreeing to the change.

It appears there is no likely potential future requirement for separate exchange telephone service at Donner City. The proposed toll station and Truckee exchange service should meet the requirements of the community.

The Commission has given consideration to this application and is of the opinion that the authority requested should be granted and that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not required, therefore

IT IS ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is hereby authorized on or before December 31, 1947, to discontinue its Donner City exchange, to cancel its rate schedules and map effective for exchange telephone service in the Donner City exchange area and, in lieu thereof, to establish a toll station to be designated, "Donner City," Nevada County, California, and to include the present Donner City exchange area within the exchange area of the Truckee exchange.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the necessary tariff schedules in accordance with General Order No. 96 shall be filed not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the establishment of the toll station service hereinabove authorized.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of April, 1947.

Harold P. Kula
Justin F. Caswell
Earl H. Kelle
R. F. Anderson
Francis J. Patton
Commissioners.