

Decision No. 41503

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  
 Philo, Mendocino County, California.

**ORIGINAL**

Application No. 29260

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 Philo exchange, Mendocino County, effective as of October 1, 1948.

Philo exchange, located in the southern portion of Mendocino County, serves an area of approximately 33 square miles in Anderson Valley. This area includes the small community of Philo, located approximately 14 miles airline distance southwest of Ukiah and 16 miles northwest of Hopland. The Applicant states that the principal activities of the residents are lumbering, cattle raising and fruit growing. The Applicant further states the Philo exchange was established in 1917, that a maximum development of 42 stations was reached in 1929, and that at present the exchange serves the attended pay station at the central office, an individual line business station, and 19 farmer line subscribers, making a total of 21 stations. The Applicant also states that there are five public toll stations northwest of the central office within the Philo exchange area, and that there are eight farmer line stations now being furnished service from Boonville exchange at locations within the Philo exchange on a filed deviation basis.

The Applicant proposes to enlarge the exchange area of its Boonville exchange, Mendocino County, to include the area now within

its Philo exchange, to provide Boonville exchange suburban line service to the 20 subscribers, and to establish a public toll station at Philo to serve the requirements of the transient public. Boonville exchange is served by a dial central office which will make continuous exchange and toll message service available to Philo subscribers. Philo is presently served by a magneto central office, furnishing service from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays, with no service being rendered on Sundays and holidays.

Exchange rates to subscribers will not be increased but the application of Boonville exchange toll rates will result in both increases and decreases in the toll charges. There were 266 intrastate toll messages sent-paid and received-collect and \$113.35 associated revenues in the six months' period from June 21, 1947 to December 20, 1947. The revenue effect of the toll charge changes will be negligible.

The inclusion of the present Philo exchange area within the Boonville exchange will make possible the elimination of a filed deviation, under which the eight Boonville farmer line service subscribers at locations within the Philo exchange area are presently receiving service.

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

It appears there is no likely potential future requirements for separate exchange telephone service at Philo. Provision of service from the Boonville exchange and establishment of the public toll station should meet the needs of the general and transient public.

The Commission has given consideration to this application and is of the opinion that the authority requested should be granted, that the increases in rates herein authorized are justified, 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 October 1, 1948, to discontinue its

Philo exchange, to cancel its rate schedules and map effective for exchange telephone service in the Philo exchange area and, in lieu thereof, to establish a toll station to be designated "Philo", Mendocino County, California, and to include the present Philo exchange area within the exchange area of the Boonville exchange and provide Boonville exchange service to the subscribers mentioned above.

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 provision of the Boonville exchange service and establishment of the toll station service hereinabove authorized.

This Order shall become effective twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of April, 1948.

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Commissioners