

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 41504

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 INTERSTATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a corporation,
 for authority to establish, maintain and
 operate a Telephone Exchange at Running
 Springs, San Bernardino County, California,
 and provide telephone exchange service in
 the Running Springs Exchange Area; to file
 and make effective rates for telephone and
 telegraph service in said exchange area,
 and to revise Applicant's Big Bear Exchange
 Map.

Application No. 29263

O P I N I O N

Interstate Telegraph Company, operating a telephone system in California and Nevada, proposes to establish a telephone exchange in the Running Springs area, located midway between the town of Big Bear Lake and the city of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, and requests authority to file and make effective rates for exchange service and for message toll and telegraph services. Applicant also requests authority to revise the boundaries of its Big Bear Lake exchange to include eight square miles of presently unassigned territory contiguous to the Big Bear Lake exchange and the proposed Running Springs exchange.

Applicant states that increasing development and activity in the proposed Running Springs exchange area have created a need for additional telephone facilities. Telephone service is furnished in the area at the present time by means of 11 toll stations. Applicant jointly furnishes toll telephone service with The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company via the connecting point at Highland, San Bernardino County, and maintains and operates two metallic toll circuits between this point and the 11 toll stations in the proposed Running Springs exchange area.

In order to determine the potential subscribers to Running Springs exchange service, Applicant has conducted a survey of the proposed area and states that this survey has resulted in signed applications for exchange telephone service from approximately 50 potential subscribers who are not now receiving telephone service. The agents for the 11 toll stations have all signed service application forms for exchange service in lieu of the present toll station service. Photostatic copies of these forms, showing the class, type and grade of service applied for, are shown in Exhibit F, attached to the company's application.

The Applicant proposes to furnish service to Running Springs exchange through the establishment of an unattended community dial exchange. Under this plan, toll and all other traffic requiring the assistance of an operator will be furnished from the Pacific Company's San Bernardino toll office approximately fifteen airline miles southwest of Running Springs. The proposed location of the community dial exchange is shown in Exhibit A of the company's application. Exhibit B is a map showing the proposed base rate and exchange area boundaries of the proposed Running Springs exchange.

In Exhibit C, Applicant presents photostatic copies of letters received from three telephone utilities operating exchanges having common boundaries with the proposed Running Springs exchange. These letters show agreement on the part of the three utilities to the proposed Running Springs exchange boundary and the revised Big Bear Lake exchange boundary.

The proposed boundary of Applicant's Big Bear Lake exchange is set forth on a revised map, Exhibit D. Exhibit E sets forth the presently filed map of Big Bear Lake area, which map it is proposed to withdraw. Included in the revised Big Bear Lake exchange area are eight square miles of presently unassigned territory, including the community of Little Pine Flats. Applicant alleges that by reason of

the mountainous and difficult terrain existing between said Little Pine Flats community and Applicant's proposed Running Springs exchange, telephone service, if and when provided for this community, must be furnished and provided from the Big Bear Lake exchange instead of the proposed Running Springs exchange. Also proposed is a transfer of a small portion of the Big Bear Lake exchange area to the proposed Running Springs exchange. These revisions in the Big Bear Lake exchange map will not result in any increase or decrease in charges or rates to any subscribers or result in the withdrawal of any existing service.

The proposed rates for exchange service in Running Springs exchange are those now applicable in the smaller exchanges of Applicant. The principal exchange rates may be summarized as follows:

<u>Grade of Service</u>	<u>Flat Rate per Month</u>	
	<u>Residence Service</u>	<u>Business Service</u>
Individual Line	\$3.75	\$5.00
Two-Party Line	3.25	4.25
Four-Party Line	2.50	3.75
Ten-Party Suburban 0-4½ mi.	2.50	3.75
Ten Party Suburban 4½-14½ mi.	3.25	4.25
Ten-Party Suburban 14½-24½ mi.	3.75	4.75
Extension Station	1.00	1.50

Exhibit G sets forth the proposed tariff sheets to make these rates applicable in Running Springs.

Message toll telephone service from the 11 toll stations in the proposed Running Springs exchange to and from other exchanges and toll points reached over the lines of connecting companies are charged for at through (direct) rates as quoted by the connecting company. Applicant proposes to continue to charge through (direct) rates as quoted by the connecting company on messages to and from the proposed Running Springs exchange and points reached over connecting company lines. For message tolls between the proposed Running Springs exchange and the connecting point, Highland, Applicant proposes to

charge a rate in accordance with the basis generally used throughout the state as authorized by this Commission's Decision No. 41416, dated April 6, 1948. This will result in reduced timing allowances on station service causing increased charges on calls to Highland which exceed three minutes in length. For message tolls to and from the proposed Running Springs exchange and other exchanges or toll points reached over Applicant's own lines, Applicant proposes to charge rates in accordance with its presently filed basic toll schedule. This will result in certain increased charges due to decrease in initial period for station service as well as increase in rate to the present toll station subscribers on toll calls to points reached over Applicant's lines. Exhibit H sets forth the proposed tariff filing to place the proposed message toll rates in effect between Big Bear Lake, Highland, and Running Springs. Applicant sets forth in Exhibit I the results of a study made to determine the effect of these increases. This study shows a net annual increase of \$64.20 in toll charges to present subscribers in the Running Springs and Big Bear Lake areas. The total toll revenue from these subscribers in the year 1947, was \$29,557.06.

The establishment of the proposed Running Springs exchange should result in an improved service to that community.

O R D E R

The Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, having considered Applicant's request, and being of the opinion that a public hearing is not required and that the granting of the application would be in the public interest, finds that the increases in rates and charges which would result from a granting of the application are justified; therefore

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. Interstate Telegraph Company is authorized to file on or before September 30, 1948, in accordance with General Order No. 96 and make effective in the Running Springs exchange,

coincident with the establishment of the exchange and on not less than ten (10) days' notice, the rates for exchange telephone service, message toll telephone service, and telegraph service, and maps of the base rate and exchange areas as set forth in Exhibits B, G and H attached to the application.

2. Interstate Telegraph Company is further authorized to file on or before September 30, 1948, in accordance with General Order No. 96 and make effective coincident with establishment of the Running Springs exchange and on not less than ten (10) days' notice, the revised Big Bear Lake exchange area map set forth in Exhibit D attached to the application, and withdraw the presently filed Big Bear Lake exchange area maps.
3. This Order shall become effective on the twentieth day after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of April, 1948.

R. E. Dunning
Justice P. Casner
Grant Lowell
Harold Kille
Cometh Potter
Commissioners