

Decision No. 41980

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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 Elmira, Solano
County, California.

Application No: 29594

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 Elmira exchange, Solano County, effective on or before December 31, 1948.

Elmira exchange, located in the north central portion of Solano County, east of and adjacent to the Vacaville exchange, serves an area of approximately 26 square miles, including the small agricultural community of Elmira. Applicant states the Elmira exchange was established in 1899, that a maximum development of 38 stations was reached in 1920, and that at present the exchange serves 13 company stations consisting of one individual line business station, two public coin-box stations, four residence individual line stations, and six residence four-party line stations.

Applicant proposes to enlarge the exchange area of its Vacaville exchange, Solano County, to include the area now within its Elmira exchange, to provide Vacaville suburban exchange service to the 11 subscribers, and to establish a public telephone station at Elmira to care for the requirements of the transient public. The Vacaville exchange is served by a dial central office, which will make continuous exchange and toll message service available to the

present Elmira subscribers. Elmira is presently served by a magneto central office, furnishing service from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays, with no service being rendered on Sundays and holidays.

The provision of Vacaville suburban service to the present Elmira subscribers will result in an increase of 75 cents per month to each of the present Elmira residence four-party line subscribers, but will not increase exchange service charges for any of the other subscribers, and will eliminate the present five-cent initial period message toll telephone rate between Elmira and Vacaville. Exhibit B attached to the application, shows rates to 44 representative points within 40 miles of Vacaville or Elmira. There will be a five-cent decrease in the initial period rate for calls from Elmira to 28 of the points, and a five-cent increase in the initial period rate for calls to the other 16 points. For the period from September 21, 1947 to March 20, 1948 there was an average of 126 toll calls per month from the Elmira exchange to points within 40 miles of Vacaville or Elmira, with associated revenues of approximately \$23.50 per month.

Attached to the application are photostatic copies of applications for service signed by the subscribers and agent affected, agreeing to the change.

It appears there is no likely potential future requirement for separate exchange telephone service at Elmira. Provision of service from the Vacaville exchange, and establishment of the public pay 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 December 31, 1948 to discontinue its Elmira exchange, to cancel its rate schedules and map effective for exchange telephone service in the Elmira exchange area, and in lieu thereof, to include the present Elmira exchange area within the exchange area of the Vacaville exchange and provide Vacaville exchange service to the subscribers and the public pay station 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 Vacaville exchange service hereinabove authorized.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of

August, 1948.

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Commissioners.