

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 42161

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 revise said Company's Bishop Telephone Exchange Service Area and map thereof to include therein the service area within and now filed as said Company's Bishop Creek Exchange, and also an additional 73½ square miles of unassigned territory; and to substitute and provide Bishop Exchange Telephone Service in said Bishop Creek Exchange Area in place of the Bishop Creek Exchange Telephone Service now being provided therein.

Application No.
29775

OPINION AND ORDER

The Interstate Telegraph Company, a corporation, operating a telephone system in California and Nevada, herein seeks authority to substitute Bishop exchange service for the present service being furnished in its Bishop Creek exchange, also known as Plant 4 exchange, located in Inyo County, California, effective the 20th day of the month following this decision of the Commission.

The Bishop Creek exchange is approximately one square mile in area, the boundaries of which coincide with the boundaries of Section 19, Township 7 South, Range 32 East, Mount Diablo base and meridian. The Bishop Creek exchange is contiguous to Bishop exchange. The distance between the Bishop Creek exchange and the base rate area of the Bishop exchange is approximately five miles.

The applicant states that it serves four subscribers in the Bishop Creek exchange, namely: California Electric Power Company, Edwin A. Stevens, W. J. Young, and Howard Evans, all of whom have made application for Bishop exchange service. Photostatic copies of application cards from the above subscribers for Bishop exchange service are attached to the company's application.

Applicant proposes to revise its Bishop exchange boundaries to include the Bishop Creek exchange area and $73\frac{1}{2}$ square miles of unassigned territory south and west of the applicant's present Bishop exchange area, in which area applicant is now furnishing telephone service by means of toll stations. The inclusion of the unassigned territory will place the following 13 filed toll stations within the boundaries of the Bishop exchange: Plant 3, Plant 2, Shreves Circle S. Ranch, Bishop Creek No. 1, Bishop Creek No. 7, Bishop Creek No. 8, Bishop Creek No. 9, Lake Sabrina, Reservoir One, Skinner's Camp, Parcher's Camp, United States Army-South Lake, and Rainbow Pack Outfit. Applicant states that agents at the above toll stations desire Bishop exchange service and therefore proposes to convert the above toll stations to Bishop exchange service as soon as facilities are available.

Continuous service is furnished in the Bishop exchange by means of common battery automatic equipment, and in the Bishop Creek exchange by means of magneto equipment. The Bishop exchange serves approximately 1,100 stations.

The annual increase in charges to the four Bishop Creek exchange subscribers is estimated to be \$28.90, resulting from an increase in exchange charges of \$168 and a decrease in toll charges of \$139.10.

There appears to be no present or potential future requirements for separate exchange service at Plant 4. Provision of Bishop exchange service should meet the needs 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 Interstate Telegraph Company is hereby authorized on or before December 31, 1948 to discontinue its Bishop Creek exchange, also known as Plant 4 exchange, to cancel its rate

schedules and map effective for exchange telephone service in the Bishop Creek exchange area and, in lieu thereof, to include the Bishop Creek exchange area and an additional 73½ square miles of unassigned territory, as set forth in Exhibit B attached to the application, within the Bishop exchange area and provide Bishop exchange service in the added territory.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the necessary tariff schedules, in accordance with General Order No. 96, shall be filed not less than one (1) day prior to the provision of the Bishop exchange service hereinabove authorized.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of October, 1948.

R. E. Johnson
Justice F. Galloway
Wm. H. Lawrence
Harold S. Kule
Samuel H. Patten
Commissioners