

Decision No. 42325

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
HENRY KRETH, doing business under the
name of LANCHA PLANA TELEPHONE COMPANY
for authorization to abandon service
and withdraw from public utility
business in the Wallace Exchange of
The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph
Company.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 29894

O P I N I O N

In this application, Henry Kreth, doing business under the name of Lancha Plana Telephone Company, requests authority to discontinue operations, cancel filed tariffs and withdraw from telephone public utility business within The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's Wallace exchange.

Lancha Plana Telephone Company operates a telephone line in the Wallace exchange extending a distance of approximately seven miles from the town of Wallace in Calaveras County to the community of Lancha Plana in Amador County. Another telephone line approximately 11 miles long within The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's Ione exchange, Amador County, operated by the Lancha Plana Telephone Company, is not involved in this application.

The company's application indicates that there are eight subscribers connected to the line which applicant proposes to abandon and that switching operations for this line are furnished by the Pacific Company in its Wallace central office. Further, that the Pacific Company has scheduled the dial conversion of its Wallace central office on or about December 21, 1948 and that the applicant would be required to rehabilitate his line and provide dial-equipped instruments to each subscriber to be in a position to continue furnishing service. Applicant states in his application, he does not feel

that he can assume the financial burden involved in continuing service to the eight subscribers in the Wallace exchange.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, in a statement filed December 9, 1948, advises that it has received signed applications for suburban ten-party line service from each of the applicant's eight subscribers in the Wallace exchange and that the company stands ready and willing to furnish such service.

Present hours of service in the Wallace exchange are from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. After the dial conversion, the hours of service will be continuous. Filed rates for party-line flat rate desk set station service furnished by the applicant are \$3.25 per month for business service and \$1.75 per month for residence service. The Pacific Company's filed rates for suburban ten-party line flat rate hand set station service is \$3.50 per month for subscribers to business service and \$2.75 for subscribers to residence service.

The conversion of the Wallace exchange to dial operation and the furnishing of continuous hours of service should substantially improve service to the eight subscribers located within the Wallace exchange.

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 applicant's request should be granted, hereby finds as a fact that the abandonment of service by the Lancha Plana Telephone Company within the Wallace exchange is justified; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. That Henry Kroth be and he is authorized to discontinue public utility operations within The Pacific

Telephone and Telegraph Company's Wallace exchange concurrently with the dial conversion of the Wallace exchange, on or about December 21, 1948:

2. That applicant shall file within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this order, and in accordance with General Order No. 96, revised tariff schedules to reflect the withdrawal of the offering of service within the Wallace exchange, said schedules to become effective on one (1) day's notice to the Commission and to the public.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of December, 1948.

R. E. Anderson
Justice F. Garner
Joseph H. Kelle
Harold A. Kule
Samuel P. Potts
Commissioners