

Decision No. 43584**ORIGINAL**

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 author-  
 ity to discontinue the operation of  
 a telephone exchange at Kelsey,  
 El Dorado County, California

Application No. 30789

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 Kelsey exchange, El Dorado County, effective on or before July 31, 1950.

The Kelsey exchange, located in the west central portion of El Dorado County approximately five miles north of Placerville and seven miles south of Georgetown, serves an area of approximately 23 square miles, including the small mining community of Kelsey. Applicant states the Kelsey exchange, which was established in 1919, had a maximum development in 1943 of two company and nine farmer line stations. At present, the exchange serves one public attended pay station, one public coin-box station and two toll service-stations located in unassigned territory which are switched at Kelsey.

Applicant proposes to close the telephone exchange at Kelsey, and to establish toll station service in lieu thereof. The present telephone exchange area will revert to unassigned territory. Applicant proposes to replace the public attended pay station by a public toll station, and the public coin-box station by a public coin-box extension station connected to the toll station. Switching service will be provided for the two toll service-stations. The proposed toll station service will make message toll telephone service available to the public

24 hours a day, whereas the Kelsey exchange operates between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays and provides no service on Sundays and holidays. Charges for intrastate message toll telephone and message telegram services available to the public at the public exchange station at Kelsey will not be affected by changing the service to a public toll station. For the six-month period, April through September, 1949, there was an average of 123 intrastate toll messages per month from the Kelsey exchange with associated revenue of approximately \$29 per month. Attached to the application is a photostatic copy of a letter from the agent at Kelsey agreeing to the change.

It appears there is no likely potential future requirement for separate exchange telephone service at Kelsey.

The Commission having considered the request of applicant and being of the opinion that the application should be granted and that a public hearing is not necessary; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized on or before July 31, 1950 to discontinue its Kelsey exchange, to cancel its rate schedules and map effective for exchange telephone service at the Kelsey exchange and in lieu thereof, to establish a public toll station at the present location of the Kelsey central office, and to provide that such toll station is a point at which toll service-stationlines are connected.

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 discontinuance of the Kelsey exchange 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1949.

R. F. [Signature]  
Justice F. [Signature]  
Quart [Signature]

Commissioners.