

Decision No. 42765

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 Coleville, Mono County, California, and provide telephone exchange service in the Coleville Exchange Area; to file and make effective rates for telephone and telegraph service in said exchange area, and to revise Applicant's Bridgeport Exchange Map and Gardnerville Exchange Map.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 30990

O P I N I O N

In this application, Interstate Telegraph Company, engaged in general telephone and telegraph business in the Counties of El Dorado, Alpine, Mono, Inyo, Kern, and San Bernardino, and in the State of Nevada, seeks authority to establish telephone exchange service in the community of Coleville, Mono County, and requests authority to file and make effective rates for exchange service and for message toll and telegraph services.

The proposed Coleville exchange area consists of all that portion of Mono County lying north of the south township line of Township 8 North, M.D.B. and M. This proposed area includes portions of the present Gardnerville and Bridgeport exchanges as well as unassigned territory. Maps of the proposed Coleville exchange, Coleville base rate area, and revised maps of the Gardnerville and Bridgeport exchanges are attached to the application as Exhibits B, C, D, and E, respectively.

A commercial survey by the applicant in the proposed exchange area included interviewing all subscribers now receiving

magneto exchange service from the Gardnerville exchange, and six potential subscribers. There are no subscribers in the portion of the Bridgeport exchange area which is to be included in the proposed Coleville exchange area. All prospective subscribers have signed applications for dial automatic exchange service to be provided from the Coleville exchange.

Careful consideration of the telephone service requirements in the Coleville area by the applicant resulted in the conclusion that it can best be served by means of an unattended dial automatic switchboard. The increase in the applicant's total capital investment, due to the establishment of this dial exchange, is estimated to be \$45,900. The applicant proposes to finance this investment from moneys in its treasury.

Upon the establishment of the proposed Coleville exchange, the company proposes to discontinue magneto exchange service in said Coleville exchange area.

The schedules of rates applicable to the proposed Coleville exchange service will be those set forth in the applicant's presently filed exchange service schedules for the lower levels of exchange flat rate service. The principal exchange rates may be summarized as follows:

<u>Grade of Service</u>	<u>Rate per Month</u>	
	<u>Business Service</u>	<u>Residence Service</u>
Individual line	\$5.00	\$3.75
Two-party line	4.25	3.25
Four-party line	3.75	2.50
Ten-party suburban, 0-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi.	3.75	2.50
Ten-party suburban, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -11 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi.	4.25	3.25
Ten-party suburban, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ -24 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi.	4.75	3.75
Extension station	1.50	1.00

The results of a study made by the applicant of all toll traffic originated by telephone subscribers located in the proposed Coleville exchange area, covering the period July 22, 1949, to

August 4, 1949, show that there will be increases and decreases in toll charges from Coleville. The net result of said study shows an estimated annual increase of \$29.38 on intrastate toll charges and \$563.68 on interstate toll charges. The increase in interstate toll charges is due mainly to the establishment of a 25-cent toll charge from Coleville to Gardnerville.

The applicant proposes to provide telegraph service in the proposed Coleville exchange area as agent of The Western Union Telegraph Company.

Correspondence on file with the Commission indicates that the Coleville exchange can be cut into service within five days after receipt of an order authorizing such establishment. The Commission is of the opinion that establishment of the proposed Coleville exchange will result in improved telephone service, and that establishment of the exchange on the earliest possible date is in the public interest. Accordingly, this decision will become effective ten (10) days from the date hereof, and applicant will be authorized to file the necessary tariffs and make the same effective upon one (1) day's notice to the Commission and to the public.

O R D E R

Interstate Telegraph Company having applied to this Commission for an order authorizing the establishment of an exchange at Coleville, the Commission having considered applicant's request, and being of the opinion that a public hearing is not required,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that the increases in rates and charges that would result from granting the application are justified; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Applicant is authorized to file in quadruplicate with this Commission, in conformity with the Commission's General Order

No. 96, tariff sheets setting forth: (1) maps of the Coleville exchange and base rate areas; (2) revised maps of the Gardnerville and Bridgeport exchange areas to exclude areas included in the Coleville exchange; (3) a revised preliminary statement; and (4) revised toll tariff sheets; as set forth in Exhibits B, C, D, E, F, and G, respectively, attached to the application and, after not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and to the public, to make said tariff sheets effective for service rendered on and after February 20, 1950.

- 2. Applicant is authorized to make the lower level of its filed exchange rates effective for service in the Coleville exchange on and after February 20, 1950.
- 3. Applicant is further authorized, coincident with the establishment of the Coleville exchange, to discontinue Gardnerville exchange service in the Coleville exchange area.

The effective date of this order shall be ten (10) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of February, 1950.

R. E. [Signature]

Justice F. Callahan

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Harold K. Kille

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COMMISSIONERS