

Decision No. 44619**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 authority to discontinue the  
operation of a telephone exchange at  
Chilcoot, Plumas County, California.

Application No. 31606

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 Chilcoot exchange, Plumas County, effective on or before December 1, 1950.

The Chilcoot exchange, located in the extreme eastern portion of Plumas County, serves an area of approximately 83.3 square miles, including the small community of Chilcoot. The exchange is located approximately 10½ miles northeast of Loyalton and approximately 11 miles east of Beckwith.

Applicant states the Chilcoot exchange, which was established on October 1, 1925, had a maximum station development of eight stations in 1942 and at present serves four company stations and one farmer line station.

Applicant proposes to close the telephone exchange at Chilcoot 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 an extension station. Applicant also proposes to establish semipublic toll

stations for each of the two present subscribers to Chilcoot individual line service, and to furnish toll service-station service to the one farmer line subscriber which will be connected to the public toll station for switching purposes. The proposed toll station service will make message toll telephone service available to the public 24 hours a day, whereas the Chilcoot exchange operates between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on weekdays, and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays and holidays.

Charges for intrastate message toll telephone and message telegram services will not be affected under the applicant's proposed serving arrangements. However, upon discontinuance of the Chilcoot exchange, the elimination of the exchange service rates now applicable to the service furnished the present Chilcoot subscribers will result in an annual reduction of \$102. For the six-month period November, 1949, through April, 1950, there was a total of 625 intrastate toll messages from the Chilcoot exchange with associated revenue of \$234.50.

Attached to the application, as Exhibits A and B, are photostatic copies of letters from the applicant's agent at Chilcoot and present subscribers, agreeing to the change. It appears there is no likely potential future requirement for separate exchange telephone service at Chilcoot.

The Commission having considered the request of applicant, and being of the opinion that this 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 December 1, 1950, to discontinue its Chilcoot exchange and to cancel its rate schedules and map effective for exchange telephone service at the Chilcoot exchange, and, in lieu thereof, to establish three toll stations at

Chilcoot to be designated Chilcoot Nos. 1, 2, and 3, respectively, and to provide that Chilcoot No. 2 is a toll station at which toll service-station lines 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 Chilcoot exchange and establishment of the toll stations hereinabove authorized.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1950.

Justin J. Casner  
Harold Powell  
Harold Hale  
Herbert Potter  
Commissioners.