

Decision No. 45508

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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 Mountain Copper,
Shasta County, California.

Application No. 32203

O P I N I O N

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company seeks authority to discontinue its telephone exchange known as Mountain Copper, to establish a toll station on the premises of the Mountain Copper Mining Company in lieu of the present public coin-box telephone, and to establish toll service-station service in lieu of farmer line service furnished the Mountain Copper Mining Company, the sole subscriber to Mountain Copper exchange service.

The community of Mountain Copper is located approximately 6 miles northwest of Redding and 10 miles southeast of French Gulch in the southwest portion of Shasta County. The exchange was established in October, 1916, primarily to provide service for the Mountain Copper Mining Company and its employees. At present this exchange serves only one public telephone station and 17 farmer line stations of the Mountain Copper Mining Company. The central office equipment at Mountain Copper consists of a magneto manual switchboard, attended from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays with no service offered on Sundays or holidays. The application states that only five people comprise the permanent population in the Mountain Copper base rate area, none of whom desire exchange telephone service. However, there are several persons in the suburban territory who have applied for Redding exchange service.

Coincident with the discontinuance of the Mountain Copper exchange, the applicant proposes to include the portion of the territory now within the Mountain Copper exchange area in and around the community of Keswick, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to the application, within the Redding exchange. This will enable the Pacific Company to provide Redding exchange service to four applicants for suburban residence service in the vicinity of Keswick. The remaining portion of the Mountain Copper exchange would not be assigned to any exchange area.

Upon discontinuance of the Mountain Copper exchange and establishment of toll station and toll service-station service, message toll telephone rates applicable to toll messages originating at the toll station and the toll service stations, will be the same as those presently applicable to toll messages originating in the Mountain Copper exchange. During the six months' period August, 1950, to January, 1951, inclusive, 901 intrastate toll messages originated at the Mountain Copper exchange with toll revenues amounting to \$232.20.

Cancellation of the exchange rates and the application of toll service-station service rates are estimated to result in a net annual reduction in charges of \$51 to the present subscriber. Pacific telegraph service will continue to be available at the proposed toll station and no change will result in message telegram rates.

The subscriber to farmer line service has agreed to discontinuance of the exchange and acceptance of toll service-station service as indicated by a copy of a letter attached to the application as Exhibit "C."

It appears that the telephone company's proposal will provide continuous hours of service at the Mountain Copper toll station, that the waiting applicants for service may be accommodated with Redding

exchange service, and that discontinuance of the Mountain Copper exchange and coincidentally placing into effect the above-discussed plan will more satisfactorily and economically meet the requirements for telephone service in the area, and is in the public interest. An order will be entered granting applicant's request.

O R D E R

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company having applied to this Commission for an order authorizing it to discontinue operation of its telephone exchange at Mountain Copper and to include a portion of the Mountain Copper territory within the Redding exchange and establish toll station and toll service-station service in lieu thereof, and the Commission being of the opinion that a public hearing in the matter is not necessary; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized on or before September 30, 1951, to discontinue its Mountain Copper exchange, to cancel its rate schedules and map effective for telephone service in the Mountain Copper exchange area, and, in lieu thereof, to include the portion of the present Mountain Copper exchange area designated territory "A" on the map attached to the application as Exhibit "A" within the exchange area of the Redding exchange, and to establish a toll station at Mountain Copper at which toll service-station lines are connected.

IT IS HEREBY 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 provision of alternate

service arrangements as mentioned above and the discontinuance of the Mountain Copper exchange.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of April, 1951.

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Commissioners.