

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 46651

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 operation )  
of its telephone exchange at Standard )  
and to include the Standard exchange )  
area within its Sonora exchange area. )

Application No. 33012

OPINION AND ORDER

In this proceeding, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, hereinafter referred to as applicant, requests authority to discontinue its telephone exchange at Standard, Tuolumne County, California, and to enlarge its Sonora exchange to include therein the area now within the Standard exchange, and, coincident with this consolidation to carry out the terms of a service agreement whereby applicant would terminate three farmer lines on the private branch exchange switchboard furnished the Pickering Lumber Corporation.

The Standard exchange was established in 1921 to provide telephone service for the Pickering Lumber Corporation, which acts as applicant's agent and operates the magneto manual central office equipment serving the exchange. Applicant states that as of October 15, 1951 the exchange served 42 stations, 33 of which were furnished the Pickering Lumber Corporation, and in addition there were 53 applicants in the vicinity of Standard who desired the establishment of Sonora exchange telephone service. The filed hours of service at Standard are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 12 m. Saturday, with no service furnished on Sundays and holidays.

Under applicant's proposed plan, the provision of Sonora exchange service to the present Standard subscribers would increase their total exchange service charges by \$33 per year,<sup>1/</sup> and would result in both increases and decreases not exceeding 5 cents in initial period station day rates for certain message toll telephone rates applicable to them. In addition, this plan would eliminate the 10-cent initial period message toll telephone rate now applicable between Standard and Sonora, and applicant estimates that this would result in savings of approximately \$1,000 per year to present Standard subscribers. Four filed deviations involving farmer line service extending across exchange boundaries would be eliminated by applicant's proposal.

All present Standard exchange subscribers have expressed their agreement with applicant's proposed plan as evidenced by letters and signed application cards attached to the application as Exhibits B and C.

<sup>1/</sup> Applicant's principal basic rates for exchange service in the Standard and Sonora exchanges are as follows:

	Rate Per Month			
	Residence Flat Rate		Business Flat Rate	
	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Sonora</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Sonora</u>
Individual	\$3.55	\$4.05	\$5.50	\$6.50
2-Party	3.00	3.50	4.50	5.25
4-Party	2.45	2.95	-	-
PBX Trunks, Each	-	-	8.25	9.75
Semipublic Coin Box	-	-	.50	.75
Daily Guarantee	-	-	.19	.21
Suburban	2.95	3.45	4.25	4.75
Farmer Line	.65	.85	1.00	1.50
Extension Station	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.50

Three lines owned by the Pickering Lumber Corporation, presently operating as farmer lines, extend to various locations in its lumber mill, lumber yards, and along its logging railroad. The locations of some of the stations on these lines are remote or considered hazardous by applicant. Accordingly, applicant proposes to enter into an agreement with the lumber corporation whereby the telephone company would connect these lines on a contract basis to the switchboard of a private branch exchange system proposed to be furnished the lumber corporation. A copy of this agreement is attached to the application as Exhibit H.

The granting of this application would result in the provision of continuous hours of service in lieu of the present limited hours of service, would simplify applicant's operations through consolidation of exchange functions, and would allow the provision of Sonora exchange service to 53 waiting applicants.

Applicant states that it believes the consolidation of the Standard and Sonora exchanges can be accomplished within 18 months of the date of authorization.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the granting of the application would not be adverse to the public interest,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Applicant is authorized, after the effective date of this order and on or before July 31, 1953, to discontinue its telephone exchange at Standard, Tuolumne County, California, provided that coincident with this discontinuance, its Sonora telephone exchange be enlarged to include therein the territory now within its Standard exchange, and that, upon this inclusion, the filed tariff rates, rules and regulations applicable within the Sonora exchange be applied to the present Standard exchange area.
2. Applicant shall make the necessary tariff schedule revisions, in accordance with General Order No. 96,

after the effective date of this order and on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

3. Applicant is authorized to carry out the terms of an agreement, dated September 25, 1951, with Pickering Lumber Corporation, and to render the service described therein under the terms and conditions stated therein, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Applicant shall file with the Commission within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this order, two (2) certified copies of the contract as executed, together with a statement of the date on which said contract is deemed to have become effective.

(b) Applicant shall notify the Commission of the date of termination of said contract within thirty (30) days after said date of termination.

4. Applicant shall file a progress report with the Commission covering the period of the first six (6) months after the effective date of this order, and shall file reports of progress for succeeding six (6) months' periods until the filing of a final report upon completion of the proposed consolidation.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of

January, 1952.

[Signature]  
President.

Justus J. Quemes

Harold A. Hull

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Commissioners.