

Decision No. 47023

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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 operation  
of its telephone exchange at Dutch Flat  
and to include the Dutch Flat exchange  
area within its Alta exchange.

Application No. 33295

O P I N I O N

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company filed the above-entitled application on April 8, 1952 for authority to discontinue operation of its Dutch Flat exchange, enlarge the area of its exchange at Alta, and furnish Alta exchange service within the present Dutch Flat exchange area, all in Placer County, California.

Dutch Flat is located 2 miles west of Alta and 25 miles northeast of Auburn. Telephone service was established at Dutch Flat on June 26, 1898 to meet the requirements of a mining community. As of March 15, 1952 this exchange served 28 residence, six business, and two public coin-box telephones. The central office equipment at Dutch Flat consists of a magneto manual switchboard operated on an agency basis on weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sundays and holidays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Coincident with the proposed discontinuance of the Dutch Flat exchange, the applicant proposes to include within its Alta exchange the territory now within its Dutch Flat exchange and to enlarge its Alta base rate area so as to include the territory

now within the present Dutch Flat base rate area, as indicated on Exhibit A attached to the application. Under applicant's plan, continuous hours of service from the dial central office of the Alta exchange would be available, in accordance with the Alta exchange rates, to subscribers now served on a magneto limited-hour basis within the Dutch Flat exchange. Also, the Dutch Flat toll rate point would be discontinued and toll message charges would be based on measurements from the Alta toll rate point. This change would eliminate the 10-cent initial period message toll telephone rate presently applicable between Dutch Flat and Alta, would increase by five cents the initial period station day rate to Colfax and Smartsville, and would reduce by five cents the basic toll rate to Emigrant Gap, Roseville, Soda Springs, and Truckee.

A comparison of the Alta and Dutch Flat rates for the principal classifications of exchange service is as follows:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Rate Per Month</u>		<u>Amount Alta Exceeds Dutch Flat</u>
	<u>Dutch Flat Limited Magneto Service</u>	<u>Alta Continuous Dial Service</u>	
Residence Service			
1-party	\$3.55	\$3.80	\$0.25
2-party	3.00	3.25	.25
4-party	2.45	2.70	.25
Suburban	2.95	3.20	.25
Business Service			
1-party	5.50	6.00	.50
2-party	4.50	4.75	.25
Suburban	4.25	4.50	.25

Discontinuance of the Dutch Flat exchange and placing in effect the above-described plan will increase annual exchange service charges to present Dutch Flat subscribers by \$112 and will reduce annual toll charges by approximately \$200 per year. Elimination of three irregular service arrangements, which involve the furnishing of Alta exchange service within the Dutch Flat exchange, will also result.

Agreement with the applicant's plan for furnishing telephone service has been indicated by 31 of the 32 Dutch Flat subscribers, as evidenced by letter or signed applications. The application shows that the only subscriber who has not signed an application for the proposed service is out of the state and previously has expressed verbal approval of the plan. The applicant states it will require approximately 15 months in which to effect the consolidation of the Dutch Flat and Alta exchanges as proposed.

It appears that the applicant's plan, when completed, will provide continuous service to present Dutch Flat subscribers in lieu of the present limited hours of service, will simplify telephone operations, and will not be adverse to 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 Dutch Flat and to include said Dutch Flat exchange area within its Alta exchange area and whereas such discontinuance and inclusion will result in certain increased charges to its subscribers, and the Commission being of the opinion that a public hearing in the matter is not necessary,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that the increase in rates and charges authorized herein are justified, and that present rates in so far as they differ from those herein prescribed for the future are unjust and unreasonable; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized on or before August 31, 1953 to discontinue its Dutch Flat exchange, to cancel its rate schedules and map effective for telephone service in the

Dutch Flat exchange and, in lieu thereof, to include the Dutch Flat exchange area within the exchange area of the Alta exchange and to provide Alta exchange service to the subscribers as mentioned above.

2. 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 the Alta exchange service.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 1952.

R. J. [Signature]  
President.  
Justus F. [Signature]  
Harold A. [Signature]  
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Commissioners.