

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 47889

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 publish, file and place in effect) Application No. 33743
exchange and interexchange rates at)
Myers Flat, Humboldt County,)
California.)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, filed on September 22, 1952,
The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company proposes to establish
a telephone exchange at Myers Flat, Humboldt County, and requests
authority to file and make effective rates for exchange service
and for message toll telephone service. Applicant also requests
authority to deviate from the provisions of the sixth paragraph
of the order in Decision No. 41416, dated April 6, 1948, which
relates to the introduction of full selective signaling.

The application shows that Myers Flat is a residential
community located on the Redwood Highway in the southern part of
Humboldt County, approximately 6 miles southeast of Weott and
4 miles northeast of Miranda; that there are presently 74 residences
and 19 business establishments in and about the community; that
it is anticipated the population will increase from the current
estimate of 260 to approximately 500 within the next five years;
that business activity in Myers Flat includes lumbering, stock
raising and tourist accommodations; and that telephone service in
the community is presently provided by the applicant by means of
six toll stations and eight toll service stations.

It appears that requests for improved service at Myers Flat have been made of the applicant in recent years. In order to meet the telephone needs of the community, the applicant proposes to establish an exchange at Myers Flat and to furnish exchange service in lieu of the present toll station and toll service-station service.

During the month of July, 1952, the applicant alleges it conducted a canvass of prospective subscribers in the community of Myers Flat to determine if they desired to apply for telephone service at the rate levels proposed by the applicant. There are 47 prospective subscribers, including the present six toll station agents, who have signed service application cards for exchange service. The number of prospective subscribers by class, type, and grade of service applied for, is shown in Exhibit A of the application. In addition the applicant proposes to establish three public coin-box services to meet the telephone needs of the general and transient public.

The applicant states that a community dial exchange would be the most economical and practical means of furnishing exchange telephone service to Myers Flat. Under applicant's plan, toll and other traffic requiring the assistance of an operator would be furnished from Eureka which is located approximately 42 miles northwest of Myers Flat. The applicant proposes to utilize North Electric dial equipment at Myers Flat which will become available through replacement in another exchange. This equipment has an ultimate capacity of about 99 lines, but is arranged for semi-selective ringing on four-party lines and for code ringing on suburban lines. It is indicated that modification to provide full selective ringing on four-party lines and

semi-selective ringing on suburban lines would entail considerable delay and would cost approximately \$4,500. It is for these reasons the applicant requests authority to deviate from the sixth paragraph in the order in Decision No. 41416, dated April 6, 1948, relative to full selective signaling.

Rates for service proposed by the applicant are set forth in Exhibit C attached to the application. These rates correspond to those for single office exchanges outside extended areas having 500 company stations or less (Group A) authorized under the Commission's Decision No. 46270, dated October 8, 1951. The principal exchange rates proposed may be summarized as follows:

<u>Class of Service</u>	<u>Rate per Month</u>	
	<u>Residence Service</u>	<u>Business Service</u>
1-party, flat rate	\$3.80	\$6.00
2-party, flat rate	3.25	4.75
4-party, flat rate	2.70	-
10-party, suburban	3.20	4.50

The proposed location of the toll rate center for Myers Flat exchange is Center N.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 29, T. 2S, R. 3E, H.M., which block and section designated on the Post Route Map is Q-6-i. Toll rates from the proposed Myers Flat exchange would be identical with those now applicable from the present Myers Flat toll stations.

Estimated annual revenues resulting from the proposed establishment of Myers Flat exchange are shown in Exhibit D of the application in the amount of \$11,050, with estimated annual cost effects of \$11,500. The latter amount includes annual charges of \$8,200 on \$40,400 of added plant.

Two maps filed as Exhibit E show the proposed exchange area and base rate area boundaries of the proposed Myers Flat exchange.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion that a public hearing thereon is not necessary, and that the granting of the application, as herein provided, will not be adverse to the public interest; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Applicant is authorized to file with this Commission after the effective date of this order and on or before January 1, 1954, in accordance with General Order No. 96, the schedules of rates for exchange telephone service and message toll telephone service set forth in Exhibit C attached to the application and maps of the exchange and base rate areas as set forth in Exhibit E attached to the application, and, after not less than ten (10) days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to make such rates effective in the Myers Flat exchange, coincident with the establishment of the dial exchange.
2. Applicant is relieved from the requirements set forth in the sixth paragraph in the order in Decision No. 41416, dated April 6, 1948, with respect to the initial installation of the Myers Flat dial central office.
3. Coincident with the establishment of the Myers Flat exchange the applicant is authorized to delete Myers Flat No. 3 from the list of toll stations at which toll service-station lines are connected.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of April, 1952.

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President.

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Commissioners.