

ORIGINALDecision No. 52123

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 author-)
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 rates in an exchange to be desig-)
 nated Pinecrest, Tuolumne County,)
 California.)

Application No. 37295

OPINION AND ORDER

By the above-entitled application filed on September 15, 1955, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company requests authority to (1) establish an exchange in Tuolumne County to be known as Pinecrest, with exchange and base rate area boundaries as shown in Exhibit A filed herein, (2) file and make effective exchange and toll rates for the Pinecrest exchange, and (3) deviate from the provisions of Decision No. 41416 with respect to full selective ringing.

The application shows that Pinecrest is a recreational area located on the shores of Strawberry Lake approximately 25 miles east of Sonora on State Highway 108, that at the present time there are approximately 400 residences and 10 business establishments located within the area, that the permanent population is seasonal, ranging from about 100 to a summer peak of 1,500 exclusive of campers, that construction of three dams on the Stanislaus River in the vicinity of Pinecrest being undertaken to provide additional sources of water for the Oakdale Irrigation District and the South San Joaquin Irrigation District will result in increased population and demand for telephone service in this territory, and that telephone service in the Pinecrest area now consists of toll stations located generally in business establishments.

To meet the expanding telephone needs in the Pinecrest area, applicant proposes to establish an exchange at Pinecrest and install North Electric dial central office equipment which will become available through replacement in another exchange. Applicant alleges that this dial equipment has an ultimate capacity of about 200 lines and is arranged for semiselective ringing on four-party lines and divided code ringing on suburban lines. Accordingly, applicant requests authorization to deviate in this instance from the order in this Commission's Decision No. 41416, dated April 6, 1948, relating to the provision of selective signaling arrangements on company-owned stations served from exchanges converted to dial or placed in service after January 1, 1949. In support of this request to deviate from the ringing requirements of Decision No. 41416, applicant alleges that there would be considerable delay in the establishment of the Pinecrest exchange if the dial equipment were to be modified for selective ringing, that the cost of such modification would approximate \$8,000, and at a future time, because of growth, applicant plans to replace this dial equipment with other dial equipment arranged to provide selective signaling.

Applicant anticipates a wide diversity in the number of stations that will be served in the proposed Pinecrest exchange between seasons of the year. For this reason, applicant proposes that the exchange rates to be established correspond to those for seasonal exchanges as authorized by this Commission in its Decision No. 46270, dated October 8, 1951, and as contained in Decision No. 50258, dated July 6, 1954, with the exception that applicant does not propose rates for farmer line service. The rates which applicant proposes for the principal classifications of exchange service are

shown in Exhibit D of the application and may be summarized as follows:

	Rate per Month	
	<u>Business</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Individual line flat rate	\$6.50	\$4.05
Two-party line flat rate	5.25	3.50
Four-party line flat rate	-	2.95
Suburban 10-party line flat rate	4.75	3.45

Upon establishment of the Pinecrest exchange, applicant proposes to establish a new toll rate center to be located in the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21, Township 4 North, Range 18 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.¹

The application shows that as a result of a canvass conducted by the applicant within the proposed Pinecrest exchange area during the latter part of July of this year, 157 prospective customers signed application cards for exchange telephone service.

Applicant estimates that the establishment of the proposed exchange can be accomplished on or before June 30, 1956 and that the entire project will require an expenditure of \$170,000.²

The Commission has considered the above-entitled application 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, and should result in improved service.

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that such increases in rates and charges as will result from the granting of this application are justified and that present rates in so far as they differ from those

¹ The block and section designation of the proposed toll rate center is V 11-w.

² Exhibit E attached to the application.

herein prescribed, upon the establishment of the Pinecrest exchange, are unjust and unreasonable; 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 June 30, 1956, in accordance with General Order No. 96, the changes in rates, conditions, rules and regulations for exchange and toll telephone services as set forth in Exhibit D attached to the application and as discussed above, and maps of the exchange and base rate areas substantially as set forth on Exhibit A, pages 1 and 2, respectively, attached to the application and, after not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to make such rates effective for telephone service in the Pinecrest exchange coincident with its establishment.
2. Applicant is relieved in this instance from the selective signaling 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 Pinecrest dial central office.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of October, 1955.

John E. Mitchell
President

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Commissioners