

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 57766

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of

COACHELLA VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY  
A California corporation,

for authority to publish, file and  
place in effect exchange rates in an  
exchange to be designated SALTON,  
Imperial County, California

Application No. 40219  
Petition for Modification  
of Decision No. 57503

OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 57503, dated October 21, 1958, in the above-numbered application of Coachella Valley Telephone Company, a corporation, to establish a Salton exchange in Imperial County, in ordering paragraph 4 thereof, the applicant was authorized and directed to establish a base rate area in its Salton exchange to include the Salton City resort and the approximately 10-square miles of area surrounding such resort, as shown on the map, Exhibit No. 4, filed in the proceeding and as more particularly described in the opinion of said decision. On October 31, 1958, the applicant filed a Petition for Modification of said ordering paragraph alleging that most of the area comprising the Salton City base rate area is arid desert land containing 30 unoccupied residences; that the area would be sparsely settled with scattered houses to be built in the future; and that a reduced area, comprising approximately 18.41 acres bounded by U. S. Highway 99, Marina Drive and Riviera Drive, as delineated on the map, Exhibit A, attached to the petition, was recommended by the Commission staff at the public hearing in Los Angeles, California, on September 23, 1958.

On November 26, 1958 there was filed by Salton City Chamber of Commerce, M. Penn Phillips Company, Salton Riviera, Inc. and Salton Vista Development Co. a petition in opposition to the petition of applicant for modification of Decision No. 57503.

A review of the record in these proceedings discloses that the Commission staff made no such recommendation as alleged by the applicant, and that such allegation is in error; further, as noted in Decision No. 57503, supra, the Commission concluded that the foreseeable development at Salton City warranted the establishment of a base rate area, and the boundaries of said Salton City base rate area were specifically delineated in said decision. The record of the hearings on this application clearly indicates that the Salton City area has been subdivided into 10,000 lots; that in excess of 5,000 of said lots have been sold; that a small-boat marina is being dredged; that a 200-room motel is to be constructed at the marina site; and that the construction and sale of 450 homes in Salton City Village, a subdivision in Salton City, was expected by the end of the year 1958.

No good cause appearing for the granting of the above-entitled Petition for Modification of Decision No. 57503,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the petition of Coachella Valley Telephone Company be, and it is, denied.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California,  
this 30th day of December, 1958.

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President  
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Commissioners