

Decision No. 58269**ORIGINAL**

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 establish a special rate area in
 the Lemoore exchange.

Application No. 40952

OPINION AND ORDER

By the above entitled application, filed on March 20, 1959, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company seeks authority under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to (1) establish a special rate area in the Lemoore exchange, Kings County, with a boundary substantially as indicated on Exhibit A attached to the application; and (2) file and make effective, coincident with the establishment of the Lemoore special rate area, rates as shown in Exhibit B attached to the application.

It appears from the verified application that the Navy Department is constructing a new Naval air station near Lemoore, California; that said Naval air station is principally located within applicant's Lemoore exchange; that said air station is expected to be fully operated by mid-1960 and when fully activated is expected to have about 6,000 Naval personnel and 600 civilian employees, and that the air station administrative headquarters and housing area are to be located approximately five to six miles southwest of the present Lemoore base rate area.

Applicant states it plans to provide all communication services at the air station through the establishment, in April 1960,

of a new central office in the general area of the air station administrative headquarters. At the same time, applicant proposes to establish a special rate area comprising the administrative headquarters and housing area of the air station and provide urban grades of service therein.

The rates which applicant proposes for primary services within the special rate area are Lemoore base rates plus an incremental amount equivalent to a two-quarter mile suburban mileage charge in recognition of the development expected and the distance of the special rate area from the Lemoore base rate area. Company proposed monthly rates for principal grades of service within the Lemoore special rate area may be summarized as follows:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Company Proposed Rate</u> <u>Lemoore Special Rate Area</u>	
	<u>Business</u>	<u>Residence</u>
1-party	\$ 8.00	\$5.40
2-party	6.30	4.30
4-party	--	3.50
PBX trunk	11.50	--

Suburban and farmer line services, under applicant's proposal, would not be offered within the Lemoore special rate area.

The Commission has given consideration to this matter and is of the opinion that a public hearing thereon is not necessary and that a granting of the application, as herein provided, will result in improved service and not be adverse to the public interest. Finding that such increases in rates or charges as will result from a granting of this application are justified and that present rates insofar as they differ from those herein prescribed, for the future, upon establishment of the Lemoore special rate area, will be unjust and unreasonable, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that applicant is authorized to file with this Commission after the effective date of this order and on or before April 1, 1960, in conformity with General Order No. 96, tariff schedules revised to show Lemoore special rate area substantially as delineated on Exhibit A attached to the application and rates proposed by applicant for Lemoore special rate area and suburban area as set forth in Exhibit B attached to the application and, after not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to make said rates effective for service coincident with the establishment of said Lemoore special rate area.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of April, 1959.

E. L. Fox
President
Walter J. Mitchell
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Theodore J. Decker
Commissioners