

Decision No. 58951**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 author-) Application No. 41370
 ity to establish a special rate)
 area in the Burrel exchange.)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company filed this application on August 5, 1959, seeking authority under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to: (1) establish a special rate area in the Burrel exchange 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 Burrel special rate area rates as shown in Exhibit B attached to the application.

Applicant states that a community of approximately 200 people known as Five Points has developed within its Burrel exchange about 7½ miles southwest of the present base rate area; that Five Points is the center of large scale farming activities with prospects for growth upon the completion of the San Luis irrigation project; that the University of California plans to establish an experimental station in the vicinity, contemplating the construction of 15 homes and offices; and that requests have been received from farmers, businessmen and residents of the Five Points area for better grades of service and reduced mileage charges for urban grades of service.

According to applicant, the most economical means to meet the demands for telephone service in the community and nearby suburban area is to establish a new dial central office at Five Points.

Such an office is scheduled to be placed in service late in 1959, and incident to accomplishing this, applicant proposes to establish a special rate area comprising the business and residence development of the community of Five Points and to provide urban grades of service therein from this new central office. Under applicant's proposal, suburban and farmer line services would not be offered within the Burrel special rate area.

The rates which applicant proposes for primary services in the special rate area are Burrel rates plus an amount equal to two-quarters mileage charge in recognition of the development in the special rate area and its distance from the Burrel base rate area. The monthly rates proposed by applicant for principal grades of service within the Burrel special rate area are as follows:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Residence</u>
1-party	\$ 8.00	\$5.65
2-party	6.15	4.40
4-party	-	3.50
PBX trunk	11.25	-

The Commission has given consideration to this matter and is of the opinion that a public hearing 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. We find that such increases in rates or charges as will result from granting this application are justified and that, for the future, present rates, in so far as they differ from those herein prescribed, will be unjust and unreasonable upon establishment of the Burrel special rate area; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that after the effective date of this order and on or before March 31, 1960, applicant is authorized to file with this Commission in conformity with General Order No. 96 tariff schedules revised to show Burrel special rate area with a boundary

substantially as indicated on Exhibit A attached to the application and rates proposed by applicant for Burrel special rate area and suburban area as shown on 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 the Burrel special rate area.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of September, 1959.

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President

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Theodore Jenner
Commissioners