

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 59082

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 DELTA TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
 a California corporation, for author-
 ity to:))

1. Establish an Exchange Area to be designated Meadowview Exchange;
2. Establish a Base Rate Area within the Exchange;
3. Establish rates for exchange telephone service;
4. Establish a toll point in the Exchange Area.

Application No. 41427

OPINION AND ORDER

By the above entitled application filed on August 26, 1959, Delta Telephone and Telegraph Company seeks authorization pursuant to Sections 454, 489 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code to: (1) establish an exchange to be known as Meadowview in Sacramento County, with exchange and base rate area boundaries as shown on Exhibits B and C, respectively, attached to the application; (2) file and make effective rates for exchange service as shown in Exhibit E of the application and establish a new toll rate point within the Meadowview exchange coincident with the operation of the Meadowview central office; and (3) file and make effective rates for Sacramento foreign exchange service within Meadowview exchange to provide interim service.

The application reveals that the proposed Meadowview exchange area comprises approximately 2½ square miles of territory, including the town of Freeport and adjacent areas, all presently located within applicant's Courtland exchange area; that telephone service presently provided in the proposed Meadowview exchange area

consists of 11 business, 31 residence and two public pay station services served from the Clarksburg central office of Courtland exchange; that subdivision development is in progress with 50 homes currently under construction; and that 1,445 homes are estimated to be built in the Meadowview area in a 5-year period.

To meet the increasing demand for service in the area, applicant proposes to construct a new dial central office in the proposed Meadowview exchange with toll and assistance traffic handled by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company from Sacramento. Applicant estimates that the new central office can be placed in service during the fourth quarter of 1960.

Coincident with the establishment of the new central office, applicant seeks authority to establish exchange rates as set forth in Exhibit E attached to the application. The proposed rates for principal classifications of exchange service are summarized as follows:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Rate per Month</u>	
	<u>Business</u>	<u>Residence</u>
1-Party	\$6.35	\$3.75
2-Party	4.85	3.10
4-Party	-	2.50
Suburban	4.00	2.75

Applicant asserts that the proposed exchange rates will not increase exchange charges to any existing subscribers and that some of the subscribers will benefit by a reduction in suburban mileage charges.

Upon the establishment of the Meadowview central office, applicant seeks authority to establish a toll rate point at the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 7 north, Range 4 east, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian. However, until the new dial office is in operation, applicant proposes that the toll rate point for the area remain at Courtland. When the new toll rate point is established, the initial period station toll rate

to Sacramento will be reduced from 20 cents to 10 cents, and some increases in toll charges on traffic south of Meadowview will result.

In the interim prior to the operation of the Meadowview central office, applicant proposes to file rates for Sacramento residence foreign exchange service within the Meadowview exchange in order that service demands may be met. Such foreign exchange rates are set forth in Exhibit G of the application. The application also shows that applicant plans to study the feasibility of providing extended area service between the Meadowview and the Sacramento exchange areas and that when extended service is available the foreign exchange rate would be canceled.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion and so finds that a granting of the application as herein provided will improve telephone service and is not adverse to the public interest; and that a public hearing is not necessary. We hereby further find as a fact that the increases in rates and charges authorized herein are justified and that present rates and charges in so far as they differ from those herein prescribed for the future are unjust and unreasonable; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. On or after the effective date hereof and on or before December 31, 1960, applicant is authorized to establish an exchange to be known as Meadowview, with exchange and base rate area boundaries substantially as shown on Exhibits B and C, respectively, attached to the application.

2. Coincident with the establishment of the new Meadowview dial central office, applicant is authorized to make effective the proposed rates for exchange service as shown in Exhibit E of the application and a new toll rate point within the Meadowview exchange

as requested in the application and as discussed above. The toll rate point shall remain Courtland and the present Courtland exchange rates shall remain in effect until the new Meadowview dial central office is in operation.

3. Applicant is authorized to make effective rates for Sacramento residence foreign exchange service in the Meadowview exchange area, as set forth on Exhibit G of the application, coincident with the establishment of said Meadowview exchange.

4. Necessary tariff revisions in conformity with the provisions of General Order No. 96, are authorized to be filed in quadruplicate with this Commission, on or after the effective date of this order and on or before December 31, 1960, and on not less than five days' notice to the public and to this Commission, to make said revised tariffs effective.

5. The authority herein granted will expire unless exercised on or before December 31, 1960.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of September, 1959.

C. W. [Signature]
President
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