

ORIGINALDecision No. 60975

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 Tomales exchange.

Application No. 42624

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company filed this application on August 30, 1960, seeking authority under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to:

1. Establish a special rate area at Dillon Beach in western Marin County bordering on Bodega Bay with boundaries substantially as indicated on Exhibit A attached to the application.
2. File and make effective coincident with the establishment of the special rate area the proposed rates as shown on Exhibit B attached to the application.

Applicant alleges that the community of Dillon Beach, located on Bodega Bay, about 4 miles west of Tomales, has experienced considerable growth. Development consists of approximately 160 privately owned residences, some of which are occupied seasonally or on weekends, 30 rental units, a general store, and a trailer park. The College of the Pacific also operates a marine laboratory at this location. Recently, a large landowner started development of 200 building sites with an ultimate of about 1,000 sites, on adjacent property. As a result of this potential growth, applicant made a study to determine the future telephone requirements of the community.

The study indicates that the nature and density of present and prospective development of Dillon Beach warrants urban rate treatment.

As of August, 1960, there were 22 primary services in Dillon Beach including one public toll station, six urban grade services subject to mileage charges and 15 suburban residence services. Applicant expects to secure a minimum of 30 additional subscribers in the area by the spring of 1961. At the present time mileage charges applicable to urban grades of service furnished in the proposed special rate area are based on measurements of about thirteen quarter miles from the Tomales base rate area.

Applicant proposes to establish a special rate area in its Tomales exchange comprising the developed portion of Dillon Beach. The rates proposed by applicant for primary services in the special rate area are Tomales base 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 main Tomales base rate area.

Urban services located within the Tomales exchange, but outside the base rate area and the special rate area would be furnished at special rate area rates plus suburban mileage charges to the nearest point on the boundary of the special rate area, or a Tomales base rates plus suburban mileage charges to the nearest point on the base rate area boundary, whichever results in the lower charge to the subscriber.

The monthly rates proposed by applicant for principal grades of service within the Dillon Beach special rate area are as follows:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Residence</u>
1-Party	\$7.50	\$5.15
2-Party	5.80	4.05
4-Party	Not Offered	3.25

Applicant's estimate of the revenue effects of establishing the special rate area in Tomales exchange, based on April, 1960, development, indicates that its exchange revenues will be increased about \$100 on an annual basis.

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

IT IS ORDERED that after the effective date of this order and on or before September 30, 1961, applicant is authorized to file with this Commission in conformity with General Order No. 96 tariff schedules revised to show Dillon Beach special rate area with boundaries substantially as indicated on Exhibit A attached to the application and rates proposed by applicant for Dillon Beach special rate 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 Dillon Beach special rate area.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 1st
day of November, 1960.

Ernest A. Rags
President
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Commissioners