

ORIGINALDecision No. 62334

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 publish, file and place in effect
 exchange and interexchange rates in
 an exchange to be designated Walker
 Basin, Kern County, California

Application No. 43373

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, filed May 4, 1961, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company seeks authority to establish an exchange to be known as Walker Basin, to file rates for exchange telephone service to be rendered therein, to establish a toll rate center for such exchange and to re-align existing exchange boundaries to accommodate the new exchange. The proposed Walker Basin exchange is in Kern County and would include the communities of Caliente, Bealville, Loraine, Twin Oaks, Havilah and Walker Basin. The new exchange would be to the north of applicant's Tehachapi exchange, to the east of applicant's Bakersfield exchange and to the south of the Kernville exchange of California Interstate Telephone Company.

More than half of the area of the proposed Walker Basin exchange presently lies within applicant's Tehachapi exchange. The balance of the area lies in unfiled territory which it is hoped will develop as a recreational area. It is now served by 19 toll stations terminating in Bakersfield. That portion which presently lies within the Tehachapi exchange is served by farmer lines on which there are some 18 subscribers. A high mountain range separates this portion of the exchange from the remainder of the Tehachapi exchange and there are no access roads between the two portions.

Applicant's canvass of the proposed Walker Basin exchange area resulted in 82 signed applications for service; 18 for business service and 64 for residential service. Of the 18 farmer-line subscribers, 16 desire exchange service from Walker Basin.

Applicant proposes to construct a central office building and provide dial service in the Walker Basin exchange. Toll and other traffic requiring operator assistance would be furnished from Bakersfield. The proposed toll rate center is at location BB 12-x in the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 29 South, Range 32 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

From the information before it in this matter, the Commission finds that the proposals of applicant are in the public interest and concludes that the requests of applicant should be granted. Public hearing in the matter is not necessary. Accordingly,



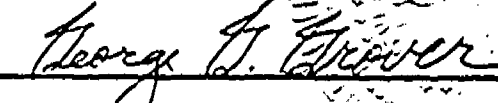
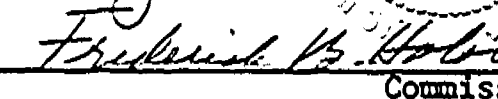
Good Cause Appearing therefor,

IT IS ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is hereby authorized (1) to establish an exchange to be known as Walker Basin with exchange and base rates areas as shown on Exhibit A attached to the application herein, (2) to re-establish and conform the northern boundary of the Tehachapi exchange so as to be coincident with said Walker Basin exchange, (3) to file and make effective coincident with the establishment of said Walker Basin exchange and on not less than five days' notice to the public and to this Commission, the exchange rates shown on Exhibit C attached to the

application herein and applicable to applicant's Group A exchanges, and (4) to establish the toll rate center in the Walker Basin exchange at the hereinabove-described location.

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

Dated at SAN FRANCISCO, California, this 25th day of July, 1961.

 President


 Commissioners