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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a corporation, for authority to establish a special rate area in its Yosemite exchange.

Application No. 43835
(Filed October 13, 1961)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant's Request

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific) requests that the Commission authorize it: (1) to establish within its Yosemite exchange a special rate area to include the communities of El Portal and Rancheria Flat and to be known as El Portal special rate area; (2) to establish rates without mileage charges for urban grades of telephone service within the proposed area; and (3) to withdraw the suburban grades of telephone service now offered and furnished within said area.

Proposed Special Rate Area

The proposed special rate area is located some ten miles west of Yosemite base rate area. At present there are approximately 150 permanent residences, a 75-unit trailer park and about 10 business establishments within the proposed special rate area. As of July 1, 1961, there were a total of 81 main telephones within the proposed special rate area. Three of these were urban services with suburban mileage charges applied, 72 were suburban services and 6 were toll stations.

The National Park Service is now in the process of relocating a housing area for its employees from its present site to one within the proposed special rate area. To care for the

approximately 200 employees involved, the Park Service plans two new trailer parks with a combined capacity of 75 units, 10 duplex apartments and 25 to 50 additional homes. The Park Service contemplates completion of this construction within 12 to 18 months.

Pacific estimates that there are adequate outside plant facilities to serve anticipated telephone development in the proposed special rate area until approximately 1963, at which time it will be necessary to provide additional facilities. Pacific represents that the most economical method of providing such relief is to install a new community dial central office. Pacific accordingly proposes to establish the special rate area coincident with the placing in service of the new office, which is scheduled to be completed within the next 18 to 24 months.

Proposed Rates

Pacific proposes rates which would result in lower aggregate monthly charges for all urban services offered within the El Portal special rate area. The proposed rates for primary urban services in the special rate area are equivalent to Yosemite base rates plus an increment equal to a 4/4 suburban mileage charge. This increment gives recognition to present development in the proposed special rate area and its distance from the base rate area. The following tabulation, taken from Exhibit B attached to the application, shows present and proposed monthly rates for primary services within the special rate area:

	<u>Present*</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Business</u>		
1-Party	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.00
2-Party	5.60	7.00
PBX Trunks	10.50	12.50
Semipublic	.75 plus	2.75
	.21 per day	.21 per day
Suburban	5.10	Not offered
<u>Residence</u>		
1-Party	\$ 4.40	\$ 6.40
2-Party	3.60	5.00
4-Party	3.00	4.00
Suburban	3.50	Not offered

*Plus suburban mileage charges on urban services.

Pacific also proposes that Yosemite exchange urban services located outside both the base rate area and the proposed El Portal special rate area would be furnished either at special rate area rates plus suburban mileage charges to the nearest point on the special rate area boundary or at base rates plus suburban mileage charges to nearest point on the base rate area boundary, whichever would result in the lower charge to the subscriber.

Pacific represents that the development in and about communities of El Portal and Rancheria Flat and the distance of such development from the base rate area justify the above rates for the proposed special rate area and that with establishment of said area there would no longer be a public requirement for suburban grades of service therein.

Based on development in the proposed El Portal special rate area as of July 1961, Pacific estimates that with normal regrading its annual revenue would be increased by approximately \$1,000.

Findings and Conclusions

The Commission has given consideration to this matter and finds and concludes that a public hearing is not necessary and that a granting of the application, as herein provided will result in improved service and will not be adverse to the public interest. The Commission further finds 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 become unjust and unreasonable upon the establishment of the El Portal special rate area; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that, after the effective date of this order and on or before December 31, 1963, applicant is authorized and directed to file with this Commission in conformity with General Order No. 96 tariff schedules revised to show El Portal special rate area with a boundary substantially as delineated on Exhibit A attached to the application and rates for said 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 El Portal special rate area within its Yosemite exchange.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 5th day of December, 1961.

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Commissioners

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell - being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.