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Decision No. <u>62422</u>

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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 authority to establish extended service in the Meadowview Exchange, and to establish certain foreign exchange and toll rates in connection therewith.

Application No. 43857

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Delta Telephone and Telegraph Company filed its petition for modification on December 1, 1961, requesting authority to withdraw the toll rates authorized by Decision No. 62852 dated November 29, 1961, and to provide toll service between the Meadowview exchange and the Courtland, Isleton, Rio Vista, and Walnut Grove exchanges through concurrence with The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's toll tariffs.

Among other things, Decision No. 62852 authorized the establishment of toll rates between applicant's Meadowview exchanges and the Countland, Isleton, Rio Vista, and Walnut Grove exchanges as set forth in Exhibit "E", page 10, of the application herein, said toll rates being at the level of rates presently filed and applicable to toll calls between toll points, and over the toll facilities of Delta Telephone and Telegraph Company. The abovementioned authorized toll rates were filed and made effective on December 9, 1961.

Petitioner states it has now developed that the toll service between these exchanges will be handled through the toll office of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company at Sacramento,

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and that such service is therefore interchanged with the Pacific Company and should be furnished under that company's toll tariffs.

The toll rates which would apply to calls between Meadowview and Courtland, Isleton, Rio Vista and Walnut Grove under the Pacific Company's rate structure in comparison with the rates authorized in, and filed pursuant to, Decision No. 62852 are illustrated, for initial 3-minute period station calls, as follows:

Between Meadowview and:	Presently Filed	Pacific Co.	Increase
Courtland	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$ <u>-</u>
Isleton	.25	.30	0.05
Rio Vista	•25	•30	0.05
Walnut Grove	•20	•25	0.05

Petitioner asserts that the rates to be established for new toll routes, such as involved herein, should be consistent with the basic rate structure generally prevailing throughout the State of California instead of patterned after the rate structure of the Delta Company. By supplemental letter dated December 29, 1961, marked Exhibit No. L, petitioner advises that the increase in revenue from the proposed change is estimated at \$2.50 per month, or \$30.00 per year. Findings and Conclusions

The Commission has considered the petition for modification in the above-entitled application and finds and concludes that a public hearing thereon is not necessary and that the granting of the petition as herein provided will not be adverse to the public interest.

The Commission finds that such increases in rates and charges as will result from a granting of this petition are justified and that present rates insofar as they differ from those herein prescribed, will for the future be unjust and unreasonable; therefore,

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IT IS MEREBY ORDERED that applicant is authorized to file, in quadruplicate, with this Commission, after the effective date of this order and on or before June 30, 1952, in conformity with General Order No. 96, revised tariff schedules providing for the application of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's California Schedule A message toll telephone service rates to calls between Meadowview and Courtland, Isleton, Rio Vista and Walnut Grove exchanges, and, to make said rates effective on not less than five days' notice to this Commission and to the public.

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

Dated at	San Francisco	, California, this
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