

ORIGINALDecision No. 63583

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 J. Ned Richardson, Robert L. Richardson
 and Richardson Cattle and Land Develop-
 ment Company, a partnership doing busi-
 ness as Richardson Springs Telephone
 Company, for authority to discontinue
 the furnishing of telephone service in
 Butte County, California.

Application No. 44253
 (Filed March 9, 1962)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants seek authority to cease utility operations, remove property devoted to utility service, and cancel tariffs coincident with the furnishing of exchange telephone service by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The application shows that applicants operate solely as a toll line, providing message toll telephone service to a single subscriber, Richardson Mineral Springs Resort, over toll lines to Chico, California; that as of December 31, 1961 the applicants' facilities consisting of pole lines, aerial wire and telephone instruments had an original cost of \$2,000.

Applicants assert that Resort plans to obtain exchange telephone service from Pacific Company on and after April 1, 1962. Applicants have been informed by Pacific Company that it is prepared to provide Resort with exchange telephone service, including hotel private branch exchange service, and in addition will install public

pay stations on Resort's property. Portions of applicants' pole line and aerial wire were seriously damaged by a forest fire during the year 1961 and are not presently in a condition to provide the quality of service required by Resort.

In view of the desire of applicants' only subscriber to acquire exchange telephone service and the willingness and ability of Pacific Company to provide Chico exchange telephone service to applicants' only subscriber on and after April 1, 1962, it is applicants' view that it will not be adverse to the public interest for applicants to cease operation as a public utility, coincident with the provision by Pacific Company of exchange telephone service to Resort.

The Commission has considered this matter and finds and concludes that a public hearing thereon is not necessary, that Pacific Company is willing and able to meet the present and future demands for telephone service to Resort, and that a granting of the application as herein provided will not be adverse to the public interest; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Coincident with and following The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's establishment of exchange telephone service at Richardson Mineral Springs Resort the applicants are authorized to cease operation as a public utility, to withdraw their property from public utility service and to cancel all filed tariffs.

2. Applicants shall notify this Commission, in writing, within 15 days following establishment of service by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and file appropriate Advice Letter to cancel tariffs.

The effective date of this order shall be the day hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of ADDF, 1962.

[Signature] President
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[Signature] Commissioners

Commissioner Everett C. McKeage, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.