

Decision No. 65317**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC  
 TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY }  
 for authority to establish the }  
 Moss Landing special rate area }  
 within the Castroville exchange. }

Application No. 45273  
 (Filed March 25, 1962)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company by the above-entitled application seeks authority under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code:

1. To establish the Moss Landing special rate area in the Castroville exchange with boundaries substantially as indicated on Exhibits A and B attached to the application,
2. To make effective the rates set forth in Exhibit C attached to the application and the rules affecting rates proposed in paragraph V thereof, and
3. To withdraw suburban telephone service within the proposed Moss Landing special rate area.

Applicant operates the Castroville exchange in Monterey County, California, and serves approximately 1,300 telephones within said exchange. Its filed tariffs (Schedules Cal. P.U.C. Nos. 4-T, 13-T and 37-T) delineate the boundary of said exchange and the base rate thereof and set forth the principal exchange services offered therein and the rates applicable thereto.

Applicant represents that there is public demand for and that it is in the public interest to establish the proposed Moss Landing special rate area.

Development in the proposed special rate area consists of about 60 residences and 20 business establishments, including a school, post office and fire station.

As of December 1962, applicant furnished service in the area to 53 subscribers to urban service and 37 subscribers to suburban service.

Applicant proposes rates for primary urban services within the Moss Landing special rate area equivalent to Castroville base rates plus an increment equal to one-quarter mile of suburban mileage charge. This increment gives appropriate consideration to estimated telephone development within the proposed special rate area and its distance of about eight-quarters miles from the base rate area.

The present and proposed rates are set forth on Exhibit C and are as follows:

	Rate Per Month	
	<u>Present*</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<b>Business</b>		
1 Party	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.50
2 Party	7.60	7.95
Semipublic	1.00 per mo. plus .24 per day	1.50 per mo. plus .24 per day
PBX TKS	15.00	15.50
Suburban	5.80	Not Offered
Farmer Line	2.40	2.50**
<b>Residence</b>		
1 Party	\$ 4.90	\$ 5.40
2 Party	3.75	4.10
4 Party	3.15	3.40
Suburban	3.60	Not Offered
Farmer Line	1.40	1.50**

\* Plus suburban mileage charges on urban services.  
\*\* Applicable to service connecting at the Special Rate Area.

Other rates and rules are to be in accordance with tariffs on file with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California.

Applicant proposes to furnish Castroville urban service outside the base rate area and the proposed Moss Landing special rate area at either 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 the nearest point on the base rate boundary, whichever results in the lower charge to the subscriber. On this basis about five individual and party line subscribers will have their mileage charges reduced.

Based on December 1962 telephone development, applicant estimates that the proposed rates would, assuming minimum regrading, decrease annual revenues by approximately \$2,300. Assuming normal regrading, annual revenues would decrease approximately \$1,600.

Applicant proposes to establish the Moss Landing special rate area within 12 months after approval of applicant's proposal.

The Commission having given consideration to this matter and is of the opinion and finds and concludes that:

1. A granting of the application as herein provided will result in improved service and not be adverse to the public interest,
2. A public hearing is not necessary,
3. The proposed rates are just and reasonable and 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 Moss Landing special rate area; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that after the effective date of this order and on or before July 1, 1964 applicant is authorized to file with this Commission in conformity with General Order No. 96-A, tariff schedules revised to show the Moss Landing special rate area with boundaries substantially as indicated in Exhibits A and B attached to the application and rates proposed for this special rate area as shown in Exhibit C 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 Moss Landing special rate area.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 7th day of May, 1963.

George H. Hoover  
President

William W. Burnett

Frederick B. Hallock

Commissioners

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