

ORIGINALDecision No. 65562

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a corporation,
for authority to establish the Solimar
special rate area within the Ventura
exchange.

Application No. 45427

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company filed the above-entitled application on May 13, 1963, seeking authority under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to: (1) establish a special rate area in the Ventura exchange with a boundary substantially as indicated in Exhibits A and B attached to the application; (2) file and make effective coincident with the establishment of the Solimar special rate area, rates as shown in Exhibit C attached to the application; and (3) withdraw suburban service now offered within the said area.

Applicant states that the proposed special rate area, embracing approximately .2 square miles, is an unincorporated beach community including business and residential development of a substantial nature and an oil refinery, and that there is public demand for establishment of special rate area treatment.

As of August, 1962, applicant furnished 48 urban and 63 suburban services within this area. The distance from the boundary of this area to the nearest points on the base rate area ranges from twelve to twenty quarter miles with an approximate applicable average of fourteen quarters. Present mileage charges to the 48 urban services are within this range.

Applicant proposes to furnish Ventura urban service outside the proposed Solimar 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 area boundary, whichever results in the lower charge to the subscriber. As of August, 1962, 17 such urban services would be affected by the proposal.

Applicant proposes rates for primary services within the Solimar special rate area equivalent to Ventura base rates plus an increment equal to two quarters suburban mileage charge. Applicant believes that this increment gives appropriate consideration to estimated telephone development within the proposed special rate area and its distance of fourteen quarters from the base rate area. The present and proposed rates are as follows:

Present and Proposed Rates
For Principal Classifications of Exchange Service

	Rate Per Month	
	Present*	Proposed
<u>BUSINESS</u>		
1-Party	\$9.55	\$10.55
2-Party	7.30	8.00
PBX-TK	14.25	15.25
Semipublic	1.00	2.00
	per mo. plus	per mo. plus
	.24 per day	.24 per day
Suburban	5.60	Not offered
Farmer Line	2.80	3.00**
<u>RESIDENCE</u>		
1-Party	\$4.85	\$5.85
2-Party	3.70	4.40
4-Party	3.05	3.55
Suburban	3.55	Not offered
Farmer Line	1.40	1.60**

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

Based on August, 1962, telephone development, applicant estimates that the proposed rates would, assuming minimum regrading, decrease annual revenues by approximately \$3,900. Assuming normal regrading, annual revenues would decrease approximately \$2,300.

Applicant proposes to establish the Solimar special rate area within 9 months after approval of its proposal.

The Commission has given consideration to this matter and is of the opinion that a public hearing is not necessary and that a granting of the application, as herein provided, will result in improved service and not be adverse to the public interest. We find 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 Solimar special rate area; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that after the effective date of this order and on or before May 1, 1964 applicant is authorized to file with this Commission in conformity with General Order No. 96-A tariff schedules revised to show the Solimar special rate area with a boundary substantially as indicated in Exhibits A and B attached to the application and rates proposed by applicant for the Solimar special rate area and suburban area as shown in Exhibit C attached to application and, after not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to make said rates effective.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon the establishment of the Solimar special rate area applicant may withdraw the offering of suburban service.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of JUNE, 1963.

George H. Thayer
President
Robert L. Baker
Walter A. Page
Fredrick B. Halliday
William M. Burns
Commissioners