

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 66167

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE }
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority }
to establish the Santa Nella special }
rate area within the Los Banos }
exchange. }

Application No. 45745
Filed September 6, 1963

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company by the above-entitled application requests this Commission, pursuant to Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code of the State of California to authorize: (1) establishment of the Santa Nella special rate area in the Los Banos exchange as set forth in Exhibits A and B attached to the application; (2) the proposed rates shown in Exhibit C attached to the application; and (3) withdrawal of suburban telephone services within the proposed Santa Nella special rate area.

Applicant operates the Los Banos exchange in Merced County, California, and serves approximately 4,200 telephones within said exchange.

The special rate area as proposed encompasses the community of Santa Nella. This community has experienced rapid growth since the start of construction of the San Luis Dam and Reservoir in 1962. In addition the State of California plans extensive recreational facilities as a part of the San Luis project. These plans will result in continued growth and development since the community is located adjacent to the forebay of the main reservoir.

Applicant alleges that there is public demand for, and it is in the public interest to establish, the proposed Santa Nella special rate area.

Development within the proposed special rate area includes the Santa Nella Mobile Village; plans exist for 300 trailer spaces within the Mobile Village with nearly 100 already occupied. Other developments include an associated 14-unit commercial project now under construction; it will accommodate a supermarket, beauty shop, television repair service, dry cleaners, service station and provide office space. Based on applicant's most recent forecast of growth for the area, it is estimated that 200 main telephones will be in service by January 1, 1964.

As of May 1963, applicant furnished 52 suburban services and 4 urban services within the proposed special rate area.

Applicant proposes rates for primary urban services within the Santa Nella special rate area equivalent to Los Banos base rates plus an increment equal to three-quarter miles of suburban mileage charge. This increment gives consideration to development within the proposed special rate area and its distance of about thirty-three-quarter miles from the base rate area.

The present and proposed rates for principal classes of exchange service are set forth in Exhibit C as follows:

	<u>Rate Per Month</u>	
	<u>Present*</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Business		
1-Party Flat	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.50
2-Party Flat	5.60	6.65
Semipublic	.75 plus .21 per day	2.25 plus .21 per day
PBX Trunks	10.50	12.00
Suburban	5.10	Not Offered
Farmer Line	1.55	1.85**
Residence		
1-Party	\$ 4.40	\$ 5.90
2-Party	3.60	4.65
4-Party	3.00	3.75
Suburban	3.50	Not Offered
Farmer Line	.90	1.20**

* Plus suburban mileage charges on urban services.

** Applicable to service connecting at the Special Rate Area.

Applicant proposes to furnish Los Banos urban service outside the base rate area and the proposed Santa Nella 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. On this basis about 15 individual and party-line subscribers will have their mileage charges reduced.

Applicant estimates that, assuming normal regrading, annual revenues would decrease approximately \$1,500.

Applicant proposes to establish the Santa Nella special rate area within 6 months after authorization.

The Commission has given consideration to this matter and finds that a public hearing is not necessary and that a granting of the application, as herein provided, will result in improved service and will be in the public interest. The Commission further finds that such increases in rates and charges as will result 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 Santa Nella special rate area; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

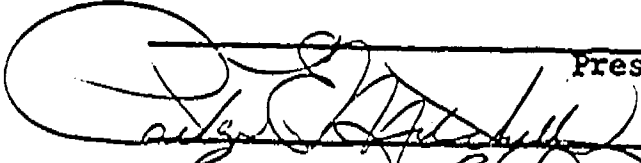
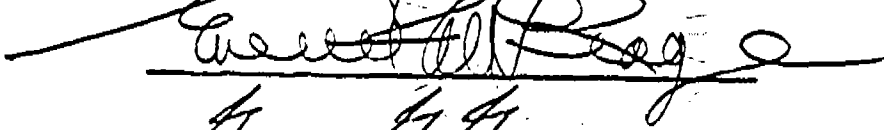
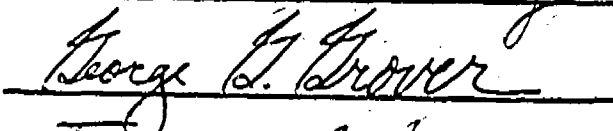
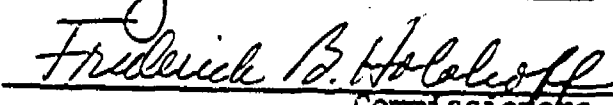
1. After the effective date of this order and on or before May 31, 1964, applicant is authorized and directed to file with this Commission in conformance with General Order No. 96-A, tariff schedules revised to show Santa Nella special rate area within the Los Banos exchange with a boundary substantially as set forth on Exhibits A and B attached to the application and rates for service within said special rate area as set forth on 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 said special rate area.

2. Applicant is authorized to withdraw suburban telephone service rates within the proposed Santa Nella special rate area upon establishment of such area.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of OCTOBER, 1962.

 President


 Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.