

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 66168

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE)
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority) Application No. 45771
to establish the Coloma-Lotus special) Filed September 13, 1963
rates area within the Placerville)
exchange.)

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 Coloma-Lotus special rate area in the Placerville 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 Coloma-Lotus special rate area.

Applicant operates the Placerville exchange in El Dorado County, California, and serves approximately 8,700 telephones within said exchange.

The special rate area as proposed encompasses an area along the South Fork of the American River in California's historic gold rush country. The developed portion of Marshall Gold Discovery State Park is within the special rate area as proposed.

Applicant represents that there is public demand for, and it is in the public interest to establish, the proposed Coloma-Lotus special rate area.

Development of the proposed special rate area includes two general stores, a school, two trailer parks, a public beach, three

restaurants, two realtors, motel, gravel plant, meat company, hotel, gunsmithy, research laboratory, two Post Offices and the California State Division of Parks. There are about 150 residences in the proposed special rate area. As of March 1963, applicant furnished service to eight subscribers to urban service and 68 subscribers to suburban service.

Applicant proposes rates for primary urban services within the Coloma-Lotus special rate area equivalent to Placerville base rates plus an increment equal to two-quarter miles of suburban mileage charge. This increment gives appropriate consideration to development within the proposed special rate area and its distance of about eighteen-quarter miles from the base rate area.

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

	<u>Rate Per Month</u>	
	<u>Present*</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Business		
1-Party Flat	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00
2-Party Flat	5.60	6.30
Semipublic	.75 plus .21 per day	1.75 plus .21 per day
PBX Trunks	10.50	11.50
Suburban	5.10	Not Offered
Farmer Line	1.55	1.75**
Residence		
1-Party	\$ 4.40	\$ 5.40
2-Party	3.60	4.30
4-Party	3.00	3.50
Suburban	3.50	Not Offered
Farmer Line	.90	1.10**

* Plus suburban mileage charges on urban services.

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

Applicant proposes to furnish Placerville urban service outside the base rate area and the proposed Coloma-Lotus 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 three subscribers to urban grades of service will have their mileage charges reduced.

Applicant estimates that, assuming normal regrading, annual revenues would increase approximately \$300.

Applicant proposes to establish the Coloma-Lotus special rate area within nine months' 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 Coloma-Lotus special rate area; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. After the effective date of this order and on or before August 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 Coloma-Lotus special rate area within the Placerville 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 Coloma-Lotus 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, 1963.

[Signature] President
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George A. Grover
Fredrick B. Hoploff
 Commissioners

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