

ORIGINALDecision No. 66242

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE)
 AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority)
 to establish the Delhi special rate)
 area within the Turlock exchange.)

Application No. 45802
 (Filed September 23, 1963)
 (Amended October 4, 1963)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company by the above-entitled amended application requests this Commission, pursuant to Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code of the State of California, to authorize: (1) establishment of the Delhi special rate area in the Turlock 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 service within the proposed Delhi special rate area.

Applicant operates the Turlock exchange in Merced and Stanislaus Counties, California, and serves approximately 11,700 telephones within said exchange. The special rate area as proposed encompasses the developed area on both sides of U.S. Highway 99 at the community of Delhi.

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

Development within the proposed special rate area consists of 35 business establishments including markets, restaurants, churches, gasoline service stations, a school, department store, pharmacy, lumber yard, chemical spray plant and other services.

There are about 350 occupied residences in the special rate area as proposed herein. In addition, the recent formation of a new sewer district in Delhi is expected to stimulate industrial development.

As of December 31, 1962 applicant furnished service within the proposed special rate area to 35 subscribers to urban service and 233 subscribers to suburban service.

Applicant proposes rates for primary urban services within the Delhi special rate area equivalent to Turlock 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 thirteen-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>
<u>Business</u>		
1-Party	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.00
2-Party	6.35	7.05
Semi-public	1.00 plus .22 per day	2.00 plus .22 per day
PBX Trunks	12.00	13.00
Suburban	5.35	Not Offered
Farmer Line	1.85	2.05**
<u>Residence</u>		
1-Party	\$ 4.65	\$ 5.65
2-Party	3.60	4.30
4-Party	3.00	3.50
Suburban	3.50	Not Offered
Farmer Line	1.10	1.30**

*Plus suburban mileage charges on urban services.

**Applicable to service connecting at the special rate area.

Applicant proposes to furnish Turlock urban service outside the base rate area and the proposed Delhi 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 69 individual and party line subscribers will have their mileage charges reduced.

Applicant estimates that the proposed rates would, assuming normal regrading of telephone services, decrease applicant's annual revenues by approximately \$1,200.

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

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 from granting this application 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 Delhi special rate area; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

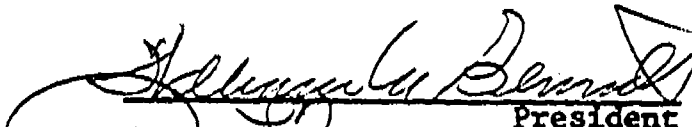
1. After the effective date of this order and on or before November 30, 1964, applicant is authorized and directed to file with this Commission in conformance with General Order No. 96-A, tariff schedules revised to show Delhi special rate area within the Turlock exchange with a boundary substantially 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 within the proposed Delhi special rate area upon establishment of such area.

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

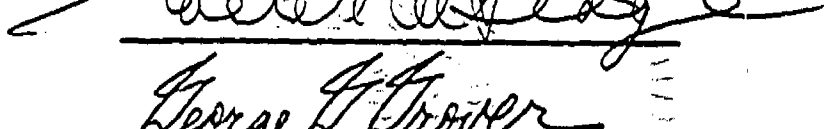
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th day of NOVEMBER, 1963.



President



George L. Trover



Frederick B. Holoboff
Commissioners