

Decision No. 66243**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH
COMPANY for authority to
establish the Meadow Valley
special rate area within the
Quincy exchange.

Application No. 45826
(Filed October 1, 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 Meadow Valley special rate area in the Quincy 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 Meadow Valley special rate area.

Applicant operates the Quincy exchange in Plumas County, California, and serves approximately 1,950 telephones within said exchange.

The proposed Meadow Valley special rate area is located in Meadow Valley, a semi-resort, mountainous area, along Bucks Lake Road. The Bucks Lake recreational area is expanding and with the improved roads traversing the area, continued growth is expected.

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

Development within the proposed special rate area includes approximately 97 occupied residences, two residences under construction and eight business establishments. The business establishments include a school, fire station, lumber mill, lumber company yards, tavern, two real estate offices, and a combination store, service station and post office. As of March 1963, applicant furnished 48 suburban services and 6 urban services within the proposed special rate area.

Applicant proposes rates for primary urban services within the Meadow Valley special rate area equivalent to Quincy 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>Business</u>	<u>Rate Per Month</u>	
	<u>Present*</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1-Party Flat	\$7.00	\$8.00
2-Party Flat	5.60	6.30
Scmipublic	.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**
<u>Residence</u>		
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 Quincy urban service outside the base rate area and the proposed Meadow Valley 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.

Applicant estimates that the proposed rates would, assuming normal regrading of telephone services, increase applicant's annual revenues by approximately \$300.

Applicant proposes to establish the Meadow Valley 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 Meadow Valley 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 Meadow Valley special rate area within the Quincy 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 Meadow Valley 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.

William L. Dumas
President
John E. Mitchell
Charles W. Rags
George J. Hoover
Fredrick B. Halchoff
Commissioners