

Decision No. 67002

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE )	
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority )	Application No. 46043
to establish the Woodville special )	(Filed December 17, 1963)
rate area within the Tulare exchange. )	

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OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company requests this Commission to authorize: (1) establishment of the Woodville special rate area in the Tulare exchange as set forth in Exhibits A, B, and C attached to the application; (2) the proposed rates shown in Exhibit D attached to the application; (3) withdrawal of suburban telephone services within the proposed Woodville special rate area; and to file as deviations those Porterville suburban foreign exchange services presently within the proposed Woodville special rate area.

Applicant operates the Tulare exchange in Tulare County, California, and serves approximately 11,000 telephones within said exchange.

The proposed special rate area encompasses the community of Woodville which includes an area equivalent to approximately seven city blocks.

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

Business development within the proposed special rate area consists of a school, lumber yard, grocery, hardware store, taverns,

cafes, barber shops, service stations, post office, fire station, general stores and four cotton gins. Approximately 200 residences are also within the area.

As of May 1963, applicant furnished Tulare exchange service in the proposed special rate area to three subscribers to urban service and 82 subscribers to suburban service. ✓

Applicant also furnished Porterville suburban foreign exchange service to 25 subscribers in the proposed special rate area. Applicant proposes that the existing Porterville suburban foreign exchange services be filed as deviations and further that such offering be limited to the same subscriber on the same premises as of the effective date of the proposed special rate area. ✓

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

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

<u>Business</u>	<u>Rate Per Month</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1-Party	\$ 7.75#	\$ 9.25
2-Party	6.10#	7.15
Semipublic	.75 per mo.# plus 22¢ per day	2.25 per mo. plus 22¢ per day
PBX TKS	11.50	13.00
Suburban	5.35	not offered
Farmer Line	1.80*	2.10**

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<u>Residence</u>	<u>Rate Per Month</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1-Party	\$ 4.65#	\$ 6.15
2-Party	3.60#	4.65
4-Party	3.00#	3.75
Suburban	3.50	not offered
Farmer Line	1.05*	1.35**

#Plus suburban mileage.

\*Applicable to service connecting at the base rate area.

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

Applicant proposes to furnish Tulare urban service outside the proposed Woodville special rate area and the base 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 rate area 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 11 subscribers to urban grades of service will have their mileage charges reduced.

Applicant estimates that the proposed rates would, assuming normal regrading of telephone services, decrease its annual revenues by approximately \$500.

Applicant proposes to establish the Woodville special rate area within nine months after approval of this 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 Woodville special rate area; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. After the effective date of this order and on or before January 31, 1965, applicant is authorized and directed to file with this Commission in conformance with General Order No. 96-A, tariff schedules revised to show Woodville special rate area within the Tulare exchange with a boundary substantially as set forth in Exhibits A, B, and C attached to the application and rates for service within said special rate area as set forth in Exhibit D 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 Woodville special rate area upon establishment of such area.

3. Applicant is authorized to file as deviations those Porterville suburban foreign exchange services presently within the proposed Woodville special rate area to the extent proposed in the application.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of March, 1964.

[Signature] President  
[Signature]  
George T. Grover  
Fredrick B. Halchoff  
Commissioners

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