

ORIGINALDecision No. 67133

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC
 TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY)
 for authority to establish the)
 Almaden Air Force Station)
 special rate area within the)
 San Jose exchange.)

Application No. 46177
 (Filed February 4, 1964)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company requests the Commission, pursuant to Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code of the State of California, to authorize: (1) establishment of the Almaden Air Force Station special rate area in the San Jose 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 Almaden Air Force Station special rate area.

Applicant operates the San Jose exchange in Santa Clara County, California, and serves approximately 222,000 telephones within said exchange.

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

At the present time, development in the proposed special rate area consists of the Almaden Air Force Station and a 27-unit housing area. These facilities are receiving service through the Air Force-owned switchboard located in the headquarters area. An additional 18 housing units are planned. The new units will be within the proposed special rate area.

The Air Force has requested applicant to provide service to the housing area since they cannot provide adequate service from their present switchboard.

As of October 1963, applicant furnished three private branch exchange trunks to the Air Force Station and maintained two public coin facilities in the area.

Applicant proposes rates for primary urban service within the Almaden Air Force Station special rate area equivalent to San Jose base rates plus an increment equal to two-quarter miles of suburban mileage charge. This increment gives appropriate consideration to estimated telephone development within the proposed special rate area and its distance of about fifteen-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 Flat	\$13.00*	\$14.00
1-Party Message	5.25(80)*	6.25(80)
PBX Trunks - Flat	19.50*	20.50
- Message Com'l.-1st Two	5.25*	7.25
- " " -Ea. Addl.	2.50*	3.50
Semipublic	1.25 plus .24/day*	2.25 plus .24/day
Suburban Flat	6.10	Not Offered
<u>Residence:</u>		
1-Party Flat	5.05*	6.05
2-Party Flat	3.90*	4.60
2-Party Message	3.00(60)*	3.50(60)
PBX Trunks Flat	7.50*	8.50
Suburban Flat	3.95	Not Offered

*Plus Suburban Mileage

Note: The number following a rate designates the exchange message allowance under the rate quoted; each message over the allowance is 4.25¢. Each exchange message on Message Commercial PBX trunks is 4.25¢. Message Hotel PBX trunks sufficient to meet the traffic demand are furnished without additional charge to the subscriber; each exchange message over these trunks is 5¢.

Applicant proposes to furnish San Jose urban service outside the base rate area and the proposed 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 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. As of October 1963 no services would be affected by said proposal.

Applicant estimates that the proposed rates, based on furnishing 3 Private Branch Exchange trunks and service to the present 27 housing units would increase annual revenues approximately \$1,600.

Applicant proposes to establish the Almaden Air Force Station special rate area within 12 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 Almaden Air Force Station special rate area; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. After the effective date of this order and on or before May 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 Almaden Air Force Station special rate

area within the San Jose 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 in 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 Almaden Air Force Station 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 28th day of APRIL, 1964.

William L. Deard
President
Everett W. Leary
George T. Power
Frederic B. Holoboff
Commissioners