

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 67633

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC  
 TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY  
 for authority to establish the  
 Poplar-Cotton Center special rate  
 area within the Porterville exchange.)

Application No. 46765  
 (Filed June 29, 1964)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has requested authority to establish the Poplar-Cotton Center special rate area within the Porterville exchange in accordance with Exhibits A and B attached to the application, and to furnish urban grades of service at rates set forth in Exhibit C as follows:

	<u>Rate Per Month</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Business</u>		
1-Party	\$ 7.30*	\$ 8.30
2-Party	6.15*	6.50
Semi-Public	.80 plus*	1.30 plus
	.22 per day	.22 per day
PBX Trunks	11.50*	12.00
Suburban	5.40	Not Offered
Farmer Line	1.85	1.95**
<u>Residence</u>		
1-Party	4.70*	5.20
2-Party	3.65*	4.00
4-Party	3.05*	3.30
Suburban	3.55	Not Offered
Farmer Line	1.10	1.20**

\* Plus suburban mileage charges.

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

The special rate area covers approximately 1.2 square miles in area and includes 346 residences, 42 businesses, 5 churches, and a farm labor center. As of May 1, 1964, applicant furnished 212 suburban services and 51 urban services within the proposed special rate area. Applicant represents that annual revenues would decrease by about \$3,800 after normal regrading. It appears that granting the application will result in improved service in the public interest; therefore,

The Commission finds that the application should be granted; that a public hearing is not necessary; and 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, would be unjust and unreasonable upon the establishment of the Poplar-Cotton Center special rate area.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. After the effective date of this order and on or before May 31, 1965, applicant is authorized to file with this Commission in conformance with General Order No. 96-A, tariff schedules revised to show the Poplar-Cotton Center special rate area within the Porterville exchange with a boundary substantially as set forth in Exhibits A and B attached to the application and rates for service within the 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 establishment of the said special rate area.

2. Applicant is authorized to withdraw suburban telephone service within the proposed Poplar-Cotton Center special rate area upon establishment of such special rate area.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1964.

Fredrick B. Holman  
President  
George H. Fowler

~~Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.~~

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