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Decision No. 69108

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 CALIFORNIA WATER & TELEPHONE COMPANY,
 a corporation, for authority to
 establish a new telephone exchange to
 be known as the Pinyon Exchange Area,
 and to establish rates, charges,
 rules and regulations for telephone
 service therein.

Application No. 47389

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant seeks authorization under Sections 454 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code to establish a new telephone exchange, to be known as the Pinyon Exchange Area, by the division of the present Idyllwild Exchange Area into two Exchange Areas: Idyllwild and Pinyon; and to establish rates, charges, and rules for telephone service in the proposed Pinyon Exchange Area.

The proposed new exchange comprises approximately 78.7 square miles in the eastern portion of the present Idyllwild Exchange Area. The remaining 171.7 square miles will continue to be known as the Idyllwild Exchange Area, and will include the community of Idyllwild, all as shown on Exhibit A attached to the application. The contemplated Pinyon Exchange Area is shown on Exhibit B attached to the application.

Applicant proposes to install a new central office within the Pinyon Exchange Area and provide two base rate points within the Pinyon Flat and Pinyon Crest communities. Also it proposes a toll scaling point at the Pinyon Crest Base Rate Point. The central office will be at a point approximately 15.4 miles southwest of the city of Indio. All message toll telephone service originating from

this office will be routed to applicant's Indio toll center by way of point to point microwave.

The proposed tariff sheets, revised to make appropriate provisions for the establishment of the Pinyon Exchange Area, are included in the application as Exhibit C. With the exception of toll calls terminating in Indio, Salton and Thousand Palms exchange areas, all message toll service will be provided at rates under The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company tariffs. The following classes and grades of service will be offered at the basic monthly rates, plus the applicable suburban mileage charges:

<u>Class and Grade</u>	<u>Basic Monthly Exchange Rate</u>
Business:	
Individual Line	\$12.50
PBX Trunk	18.75
Semi-Public Coin Box	
Rate per Month	4.20
Minimum per Day	0.29
Suburban (5-party line service)	12.50
Residence:	
Individual Line	5.60
Dial PBX Trunk	8.40
Suburban (5-party line service)	5.60

The above business and residence individual line rates are proposed at the same level as the corresponding rates in effect in the Indio Base Rate Area. The proposed suburban rates are higher than the suburban rates in the Idyllwild Exchange Area, however there are no exchange services currently in the Pinyon Exchange Area so this constitutes only a technical increase.

A communications engineer from the Commission's staff investigated applicant's proposal and recommended that a base rate area be provided in lieu of the base rate point at the Pinyon Flat area. Under date of April 15, 1965, applicant filed a revised Exhibit B and revised pages 2, 3, 6 and 7 to Exhibit C to reflect the

proposed change from a rate point to a base rate area and asked that its proposal be revised accordingly.

Applicant represents that it has conducted a survey of 30 of the 48 persons indicating a desire for telephone service in Pinyon Exchange Area, that it advised them of the proposed rates, charges and serving arrangements, and that with only a few exceptions its proposal is acceptable, and applicant expects many formal requests for service if this application is granted.

The initial period day station toll rates between Pinyon and Indio, Salton and Thousand Palms are:

Indio and Pinyon	\$0.20
Pinyon and Salton	.35
Pinyon and Thousand Palms	.20

The other toll rates will be as specified in Schedule No. B-1 previously filed by the applicant and/or at the through rates quoted by connecting companies.

Applicant represents that the proposed tariff revisions will not create any deviations, increase the rates or charges to any present subscribers or cause the withdrawal of any services now being furnished. It is expected that the proposed changes can be accomplished within 120 days after authorization.

The Commission has considered applicant's proposal and finds and concludes that it is a reasonable means to provide service to this previously unserved portion of the Idyllwild Exchange Area, and is in the public interest. The Commission further finds that the application, as revised, should be granted; that a public hearing is not necessary; that such increases in rates and charges as may result from a granting of this application are justified; and that present rates, insofar as they differ from those herein prescribed upon the establishment of the Pinyon Exchange Area, will thereafter be unjust and unreasonable.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Applicant is authorized under Sections 454 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code to divide the present Idyllwild Exchange Area into two exchange areas: Idyllwild and Pinyon, as proposed in this application.

2. Applicant is authorized to file, in quadruplicate, with this Commission, after the effective date of this order and in conformity with General Order No. 96-A, revised tariff schedules incorporating maps of exchange and base rate area substantially as set forth in Exhibit A and revised Exhibit B, and incorporating revised rates, charges, rules and conditions as set forth in revised Exhibit C of the application, and, upon not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to make said tariff schedules effective.

3. The authority herein granted will expire if not exercised within 120 days from the effective date hereof.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of MAY, 1965.

[Signature] President
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Commissioners

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

-4- Commissioner Frederick B. Holoboff, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.