

ORIGINALDecision No. 70834

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of CALIFORNIA INTERSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY, a Corporation, for authority to establish the Big Bear City Exchange Area, Base Rate Area, and Toll Rate Center in a portion of the existing Big Bear Lake Exchange; to continue in effect in said proposed exchange those exchange rates that are presently applicable to the Big Bear Lake Exchange; and to provide extended area calling between said proposed exchange and the revised Big Bear Lake Exchange.

Application No. 48283
(Filed March 7, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

California Interstate Telephone Company (hereafter referred to as "Applicant") requests this Commission to authorize:

1. Establishment of Big Bear City Exchange out of a portion of the existing Big Bear Lake^{1/} Exchange as shown in Exhibit D attached to the application.
2. Establishment of the Big Bear City Base Rate Area, Central Office and Toll Rate Center with boundaries and locations as shown in Exhibits C and F attached to the application.
3. Extended calling between the new Big Bear City Exchange and the remaining area of the Big Bear Lake Exchange.
4. Establishment of Big Bear City exchange rates identical to the present Big Bear Lake exchange rates.
5. Filing and making effective new and revised maps as shown in Exhibits D, E, F, and G attached to the application.

^{1/} The name Big Bear Lake applies to a lake and to a community located on the south shore of the lake.

Applicant requests ex parte disposition in order that the proposed changes may be made effective by September 1, 1966, which is the publisher's closing date for Applicant's telephone directory for the proposed Big Bear City and the revised Big Bear Lake Exchanges.

Purpose of the Proposal

The application to divide the present Big Bear Lake Exchange, if granted, would improve the quality of service and provide independent identity for Big Bear City subscribers as desired by this community.

The application also provides for the growth in the area through the construction of a Big Bear City Central Office.

Characteristics of the Area

Big Bear City is approximately 2 miles northeast of the community of Big Bear Lake. It has its own shopping area and services, centered around U.S. Highway 18. The proposed Big Bear City Exchange includes 531 subscribers in an area of approximately 102 square miles.

Exchange Rates

Applicant requests that rates presently in effect in the Big Bear Lake Exchange be authorized for the Big Bear City Exchange. These rates are as follows:

<u>Class and Grade of Service</u>	<u>Basic Monthly Exchange Rate</u>
Business	
1 Party	\$10.35
2 Party	8.85
Residence	
1 Party	5.75
2 Party	4.75
4 Party	4.00

Toll Rates

The new toll rate center for the Big Bear City Exchange will be in the same block and section of the nationwide toll zoning as the Big Bear Lake toll rate center. Therefore all toll rates will remain the same, except to four locations where different rates apply, as follows:

<u>To</u>	<u>Minimum Day Station Rates</u>	
	<u>Present</u> (Big Bear Lake Toll Rate Center)	<u>Proposed</u> (Big Bear City Toll Rate Center)
Joshua Tree	\$.45	\$.40
Moreno	.35	.40
Rialto	.35	.40
San Bernardino	.30	.35

Subscriber Effects

There will be no change in the local exchange rates paid by subscribers.

There will be a five cent decrease on 3-minute toll calls to Joshua Tree, and a five cent increase on 3-minute toll calls to Moreno, Rialto, and San Bernardino.

The frequency of calling to Joshua Tree, Moreno, and Rialto is negligible. Approximately 23% of all toll calls are to San Bernardino. These calls to San Bernardino are placed mostly by business subscribers who have not objected to the increase.

Ex Parte Disposition

Applicant, to facilitate a possible ex parte treatment, took the following steps:

1. During March 1966 it sent a letter to all subscribers in the proposed Big Bear City Exchange informing them of this proposal. A copy of the letter is included in staff Exhibit No. 1.

2. Mr. D. C. Anderson, Commercial Manager for the company, explained the proposal at the Big Bear City Improvement Association meeting before over one hundred businessmen and obtained their approval. A letter from this association is Exhibit K attached to application. No objection to the application has been received by the company or the Commission.

Commission Staff Investigation

The Commission staff made a field investigation on March 31 and April 1, 1966 and has conferred on various occasions with representatives of applicant. Results of this investigation are set forth in Exhibit No. 1. The Commission staff recommends that the application be granted without modification and without public hearings.

Findings and Conclusions

The Commission finds that a public hearing is not necessary; that establishment of the Big Bear Exchange, Base Rate Area, Central Office, and Toll Rate Center, and the establishment of extended calling between the Big Bear City and Big Bear Lake Exchanges, as described in the application, are in the public interest; that the increases in rates and charges authorized herein are justified; that the proposed exchange and resulting toll rates are reasonable; and that the present rates and charges, insofar as they differ from those herein prescribed, are for the future unjust and unreasonable. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. California Interstate Telephone Company (Applicant) is authorized to establish the Big Bear City Exchange, Base Rate Area, Central Office, and Toll Rate Center as described in the application.

2. Applicant is authorized to provide extended calling between its Big Bear City and Big Bear Lake Exchanges.

3. Applicant is authorized to establish and to file in conformity with General Order No. 96-A exchange rates for the Big Bear City Exchange identical to the present Big Bear Lake exchange rates.

4. Applicant is authorized to file with this Commission, after the effective date of this order and in conformity with General Order No. 96-A, new and revised maps as shown in Exhibits D, E, F, and G attached to the application.

5. The authorization granted herein will expire unless exercised on or before March 1, 1967.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of JUNE, 1966.

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Commissioners