

Decision No. 70964**ORIGINAL**

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 June Lake Exchange Area in that portion of the Lee Vining Exchange Area served by the June Lake Central Office and to continue in effect in said proposed exchange area those rates that are presently applicable to the June Lake Base Rate Area, and to establish extended area calling between said proposed Exchange Area and the revised Lee Vining Exchange Area.

Application No. 48321  
(Filed March 18, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

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

1. Establishment of the June Lake Exchange (from a part of Lee Vining Exchange), as shown in Exhibit D attached to the application.
2. Establishment of June Lake Toll Rate Center, as shown in Exhibit C attached to the application.
3. Filing and making effective new and revised maps as shown in Exhibits D, E, and F attached to the application.
4. Establishment of June Lake Exchange rates identical to the rates presently in effect in June Lake Base Rate Area in the Lee Vining Exchange. (The suburban rates in the vicinity of the Lake will also remain unchanged.)
5. Provision of extended calling between the June Lake and Lee Vining Exchanges.

Applicant requests ex parte disposition in order that the proposed changes may be made effective by August 1, 1966, which is

the publisher's closing date for applicant's telephone directory for the proposed June Lake and revised Lee Vining Exchanges.

Purpose of the Proposal

Applicant proposes to divide the present Lee Vining Exchange and thus provide independent identity for the June Lake subscribers as desired by the community. Applicant alleges that this would eliminate confusion of skiers, fishermen and vacationers intending to visit the area, who might be unaware that June Lake is presently within the Lee Vining Exchange.

Characteristics of the Area

June Lake, a resort community with its own business and service facilities, is approximately 13 miles south of Lee Vining, and it is surpassing Lee Vining in growth.

The proposed June Lake Exchange to be established out of part of the present Lee Vining Exchange would include approximately 213 square miles. June Lake Base Rate Area will be left as it is at present.

Exchange Rates

Applicant requests that rates presently in effect in the Lee Vining Exchange for the June Lake Base Rate Area and suburban rates in the vicinity thereof be authorized for the June Lake Exchange.

The following are the proposed June Lake Exchange rates:

<u>Class &amp; Grade of Service</u>	<u>Basic Monthly Exchange Rates</u>
Business	
1-Pty	\$10.25
2-Pty	8.15
Suburban*	6.65
Residence	
1-Pty	5.75
2-Pty	4.75
4-Pty	4.00
Suburban*	4.00

\* Rates shown are for stations 0-4 1/2 miles from June Lake Base Rate Area.

Toll Rates

The new toll rate center for the June Lake Exchange will result in slight decreases on calls south, and a slight increase on calls north. A sample schedule of rates for typical toll calls is as follows:

Minimum Day Station Rates					
From	To	Present	Proposed	Increase	Decrease
June Lake	Bishop	\$ .65	\$ .55	\$ ----	\$ .10
" "	Bridgeport	.30	.40	.10	----
" "	Crowley Lake	.40	.30	----	.10
" "	Lancaster	1.10	1.05	----	.05
" "	Mammoth Lakes	.30	.20	----	.10
" "	Norwalk	1.20	1.15	----	.05
" "	Pomona	1.20	1.15	----	.05
" "	Redondo Beach	1.20	1.15	----	.05
" "	Santa Ana	1.25	1.20	----	.05
" "	Victorville	1.15	1.10	----	.05
" "	Westminister	1.25	1.20	----	.05

Subscriber Effects

There will be no change in the local exchange rates paid by the subscribers. The toll call rate changes will result in savings for most subscribers since the majority of calls are to the south and since most of the southward toll rates will be lower. A study of January 1966 toll calls shows the estimated saving to June Lake subscribers will be about \$2,600 annually.

Ex Parte Disposition

Applicant, to facilitate a possible ex parte treatment, took the following steps: (1) on January 13, 1966 sent a letter to all subscribers in the proposed June Lake exchange informing them of this proposal and giving a detailed list of all toll charges to be decreased or increased (Exhibit H attached to the application); (2) on April 1, 1966 sent a second letter to all subscribers within the June Lake Area reminding them of the proposal and stating that applicant requested authorization "without public hearing". (Letter attached to staff Exhibit 1.) )

Commission Staff Investigation

The Commission staff made a field investigation on April 13, 1966, and has conferred on various occasions with representatives of the applicant. Results of this investigation are set forth in Exhibit 1, and the staff recommends that the application be granted.

Findings

The Commission finds that a public hearing is not necessary; that establishment of the June Lake Exchange and Toll Rate Center and the providing of extended calling between the June Lake and Lee Vining Exchanges, as described in the application, are in the public interest; that the proposed exchange and resulting toll rates are reasonable.

Therefore

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. California Interstate Telephone Company (applicant) is authorized to establish the June Lake Exchange and the June Lake Toll Rate Center by August 1, 1966, as requested in the application.
2. Applicant is authorized to provide extended calling between its June Lake and Lee Vining Exchanges.
3. Applicant is authorized to file with this Commission after the effective date of this order, and in conformity with General Order 96-A, new and revised maps shown in Exhibits D, E, and F attached to the application.
4. Applicant is authorized to establish and to file, in conformity with General Order 96-A, exchange rates for the June Lake Exchange identical to the rates presently in effect in the June Lake Base Rate Area and its vicinity, which are at present part of the Lee Vining Exchange.

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

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19<sup>th</sup> day  
of JULY, 1966.

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