

Decision No. 71266**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority to establish the Castella special rate area within the Dunsmuir exchange.

Application No. 48630  
(Filed July 15, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has requested authority to establish the Castella special rate area within the Dunsmuir 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 and shown below, and to furnish urban service outside the base rate area and the special rate area according to the rule in Paragraph V of the application.

	Rate Per Month	
	Present	Proposed
<u>Business</u>		
1-Party	\$6.30*	\$7.30
2-Party	5.00*	5.70
Semipublic	.75 plus* .19 per day	1.75 plus .19 per day
PBX Trunks	9.25*	10.25
Suburban	4.70	Not Offered
Farmer Line	1.40	1.60**
<u>Residence</u>		
1-Party	3.95*	4.95
2-Party	3.25*	3.95
4-Party	2.70*	3.20
Suburban	3.20	Not Offered
Farmer Line	.80	1.00**

\* Plus suburban mileage charges.

\*\* Applicable to service connecting at the special rate area.

The special rate area covers approximately one square mile. As of February 1966 development within the proposed special rate area consisted of approximately 152 residences, six business establishments, a fire department, an elementary school, a Post Office, the Castella Grange Hall, the Castle Crags State Park Headquarters and picnic area and a highway maintenance station. As of February 1966 applicant furnished 27 suburban residence services, 24 urban residence services and seven urban business services within the proposed Castella special rate area.

Applicant proposes rates for primary urban services within the Castella special rate area equivalent to Dunsmuir base rates plus an increment equal to 2 one-quarter mile suburban mileage charges. This increment gives appropriate consideration to development within the proposed special rate areas, its distance from the nearest point on the base rate area boundary and the effect of establishing the special rate area upon applicant's revenues.

Applicant proposes to furnish Dunsmuir urban service outside the base rate area and the proposed special rate area at the rates of the special rate area plus suburban mileage charges to the nearest point on the special rate area boundary or at base 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 February 1966 there were two subscribers to urban service in the surrounding suburban area who would have their mileage charges reduced by this proposal. Applicant represents that annual revenues would increase by about \$400 after normal regrading. It appears that granting the application will result in improved service in the public interest; therefore,

The Commission finds 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 Castella special rate area.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. After the effective date of this order and on or before March 1, 1967, applicant is authorized to file with this Commission in conformance with General Order No. 96-A, tariff schedules revised to show the Castella special rate area within the Dunsmuir exchange with a boundary substantially as set forth in Exhibits A and B attached to the application, rates for service within the said special rate area as set forth in Exhibit C attached to the application, and rules as set forth in Paragraph V of 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 Castella 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 1966.

George H. Grover President

Frederick B. Holoboff

William L. Bennett

Augusta Commissioners