

ORIGINALDecision No. 71489

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

Application No. 48452
(Filed May 5, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

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

1. Establishment of the Lake Isabella Exchange (from a part of Kernville Exchange), as shown in Exhibit C attached to the application.
2. Establishment of Lake Isabella Base Rate Area, as shown in Exhibit D attached to the application.
3. Establishment of the Lake Isabella Toll Rate Center, as shown in Exhibit E attached to the application.
4. Filing and making effective new and revised maps, as shown in Exhibits C, D, and F attached to the application.
5. Establishment of Lake Isabella exchange rates identical to the rates presently in effect in the Lake Isabella Special Rate Area and its vicinity in the Kernville Exchange.

6. Provision of extended calling between the Lake Isabella and Kernville Exchanges.

Applicant requests ex parte disposition of this matter since it will be beneficial to the subscribers in the proposed exchange and the subscribers have requested these changes.

Purpose of the Proposal

Applicant proposes to divide the present Kernville Exchange and thus provide independent identity for the Lake Isabella Area, as desired by the subscribers of these adjacent communities. Besides Lake Isabella, Kernvale, Garfield, Bodfish and Bodfish Oaks communities will be included in the Lake Isabella Exchange and Base Rate Area. Applicant alleges that the split would simplify the placing of toll calls to this area from people who intend to spend their vacation at Lake Isabella and who might be unaware that Lake Isabella is presently within the Kernville Exchange.

Characteristics of the Area

The Lake area consists of adjacent independent resort communities with their own business and service facilities. The area is approximately 10 miles south of Kernville, close to the Kern River and Lake Isabella Reservoir in Kern County.

The proposed Lake Isabella Exchange, to be established from a portion of the present Kernville Exchange, would include approximately 106 square miles. The proposed Lake Isabella Base Rate Area will be identical to the present Lake Isabella Special Rate Area.

Exchange Rates

Applicant requests that exchange rates, presently in effect in the Lake Isabella Special Rate Area of the Kernville Exchange and its vicinity be authorized for the Lake Isabella Exchange.

The following are the proposed Lake Isabella exchange rates:

<u>Class & Grade of Service</u>	<u>Basic Monthly Exchange Rates</u>
Business	
1-Pty	\$10.25
2-Pty	8.15
Suburban 0-4½ miles	6.65
4½-14½ miles	7.35
Residence	
1-Pty	5.75
2-Pty	4.75
4-Pty*	4.00
Suburban 0-4½ miles	4.00
4½-14½ miles	5.00

* Not offered within the proposed base rate area but only for suburban subscribers plus an appropriate mileage charge.

Toll Rates

The new toll rate center for the Lake Isabella Exchange will result in slight decreases on some calls south and slight increases on some calls north. A sample of rates for typical and frequently used toll calls is as follows:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Minimum Dgr Station Rates</u>				
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	
Lake Isabella	Alhambra	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.85	\$ -	\$ -	
"	"	Bakersfield	.50	.45	-	.05
"	"	Covina	.90	.85	-	.05
"	"	Fresno	.85	.85	-	-
"	"	Hawthorne	.90	.85	-	.05
"	"	Lancaster	.65	.65	-	-
"	"	Lomita	.95	.90	-	.05
"	"	Long Beach	.95	.90	-	.05
"	"	Los Angeles	.85	.85	-	-
"	"	North Hollywood	.85	.80	-	.05
"	"	Pomona	.90	.85	-	.05
"	"	Redondo	.90	.90	-	-
"	"	Ridgecrest	.40	.45	.05	-
"	"	Reseda	.85	.80	-	.05
"	"	Sacramento	1.15	1.15	-	-
"	"	San Fernando	.85	.80	-	.05
"	"	Santa Monica	.90	.85	-	.05
"	"	Trona	.60	.65	.05	-
"	"	Victorville	.85	.85	-	-
"	"	Visalia	.65	.70	.05	-

Subscriber Effects

There will be no change in the local exchange rates paid by the subscribers. The toll rate changes will result in savings for most subscribers since the majority of the calls are to the south, especially toward the Los Angeles area. A study of January 1966 toll calls shows the estimated saving to Lake Isabella subscribers will be about \$2,000 annually.

Ex Parte Disposition

Applicant, to facilitate possible ex parte treatment, on June 10, 1966 sent a letter to all subscribers in the proposed Lake Isabella Exchange informing them of this proposal, giving a detailed list of all toll charges to be decreased or increased. (Exhibit H attached to the application.) Attached to the letter was a notice stating that applicant requested authorization from this Commission "without public hearing".

Commission Staff Investigation

The Commission staff made a field investigation on August 3 and 4, 1966 and has conferred on various occasions with representatives of the applicant. The report of this investigation is received in evidence as Exhibit I. In said report the staff recommends that the application be granted.

Findings

The Commission finds that a public hearing is not necessary; that establishment of the Lake Isabella Exchange, Base Rate Area and Toll Rate Center and the provision of extended calling between the Lake Isabella and Kernville Exchanges, as described in the application, are in the public interest; and that the proposed exchange and resulting toll rates are reasonable. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Applicant is authorized to establish the Lake Isabella Exchange, the Lake Isabella Base Rate Area, and the Lake Isabella Toll Rate Center.

2. Applicant is authorized to provide extended calling between its Lake Isabella and Kernville Exchanges.

3. 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 C, D and F, attached to the application.

4. Applicant is authorized to establish and to file in conformity with General Order No. 96-A exchange rates for the Lake Isabella Exchange identical to the rates presently in effect in the Lake Isabella Special Rate Area and its vicinity.

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

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of NOVEMBER, 1966.

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President

George T. Trover

Frederick B. Holbrook

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Commissioners