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Decision No. 71709

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELE-PHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority to establish the Lake of the Woods special rate area within the Lebec exchange.

Application No. 48759 (Filed September 2, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has requested authority to establish the Lake of the Woods special rate area within the Lebec exchange in accordance with Exhibits A and B attached to the application; 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 Rules in Paragraph V of the application.

> Present and Proposed Rates for Principal Classifications of Exchange Service

	Rate Per Month Present Proposed					
			ake of the Woods S.R.A.			
Business						
l-Party 2-Party Semi-Public	\$5.80* 4.50* .75* plus .18 per day	\$6.80* 5.20* 1.75* plus .18 per day	\$ 7.30 5.55 2.25 plus .18 per day			
PBX Trunks Flat Rate - Each	8.50*	9.50*	10.00			
Suburban	4.45	-	-			
Farmer Line	1.15	1.35**	1.45**			

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	-	Rate Per Month			
	<u>B.R.A.</u>	Frazier Park S.R.A.	Proposed Lake of the Woods S.R.A.		
Residence					
l-Party 2-Party 4-Party	3.70* 3.00* 2.45*	4.70* 3.70* 2.95*	5.20 4.05 3.20		
Suburban	2.95	-	-		
Farmer Line	.70	• 90***	1.00**		

* Plus suburban mileage charges for services located outside the base rate area or special rate area.

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

The special rate area covers approximately .5 square miles. The proposed special rate area is located in the Los Padres National Forest, approximately 7 miles west of the Lebec exchange base rate area and 2 miles from the present Frazier Park special rate area. Development within the proposed special rate area consists of 172 residences and 15 business establishments. In addition, 12 new residences are under construction and an 80 unit subdivision was recently opened for development.

As of January 1966 Applicant furnished 25 suburban residence services, 3 suburban business services, 18 urban residence services and 5 urban business services within the proposed Lake of the Woods special rate area.

Applicant proposes rates for primary urban services within the Lake of the Woods special rate area equivalent to Lebec base rates plus an increment equal to 3 one-quarter mile suburban mileage charges. This increment gives appropriate consideration to development within the proposed special rate area, its distance of approximately 28 one-quarter miles from the base rate area boundary and the effect upon Applicant's revenues of establishing the special rate area.

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Applicant proposes to furnish Lebec urban service outside the base rate area, the present special rate area and the proposed special rate area at either the rates of the nearest special rate area plus suburban mileage charges to the nearest point on said 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 January 1966 there were 10 subscribers to urban service in the surrounding suburban area who would have their mileage charges reduced by this proposal.

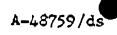
Applicant represents that annual revenues would increase by approximately \$100 after normal regrading. It appears that granting the application will result in improved service in the public interest; therefore,

The Commission finds that a public hearing is not necessary, 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 Lake of the Woods special rate area.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. After the effective date of this order and on or before July 1, 1967, applicant is authorized to file with this Commission in conformance with General Order No. 96-A, tariff schedules revised to show the Lake of the Woods special rate area within the Lebec exchange with a boundary substantially as set forth in Exhibit A and B attached to the application and 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 areas.

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2. Applicant is authorized to withdraw suburban telephone service within the proposed Lake of the Woods special rate area upon establishment of such special rate area.

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

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