

Decision No. 71882**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority
to establish the Mettler special rate
area within the Bakersfield exchange } Application No. 48974
(Filed November 23, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has requested authority to establish the Mettler special rate area within the Bakersfield exchange, Kern County, with boundaries as set forth in 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.

	Rate Per Month	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Business</u>		
1-Party	\$9.55*	\$11.55
2-Party	7.25*	8.65
Semi-Public	1.00* plus .22 per day	3.00 plus .22 per day
PBX Trunk		
Flat Rate - each	14.25*	16.25
Suburban		
Farmer Line	5.45 2.40	Not Offered 2.80**
<u>Residence</u>		
1-Party	4.70*	6.70
2-Party	3.50*	4.90
4-Party	2.95*	3.95
Suburban	3.45	Not Offered
Farmer Line	1.20	1.60**

* Plus suburban mileage charges.

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

Applicant operates the Bakersfield exchange in Kern County, California, and serves 109,230 telephones within the exchange. The special rate area covers approximately 0.3 square miles. Mettler, which is approximately 14 miles south of the Bakersfield base rate area, is the focal point for the south San Joaquin Valley and it appears that the community will expand as water for additional agriculture becomes available from the California Aqueduct. As of March 1966, development within the proposed special rate area consisted of approximately 49 residences, 24 business establishments, two churches, a school and a fire station. The businesses include two cotton gins, three cafes, two taverns, a motel, a general store, three gas stations, a garage, a trailer court, and a liquid fertilizer company.

As of March 1966, applicant furnished 22 suburban residence services, 8 suburban business services, 1 urban residence service and 11 urban business services within the proposed Mettler special rate area. Applicant represents that annual revenues would increase by about \$200 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 Mettler Special Rate Area.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized to establish the Mettler Special Rate Area as requested in the application.

2. After the effective date of this order, applicant is authorized to file with this Commission, in conformity with General Order No. 96-A, exchange maps and tariff schedules, revised to show the Mettler Special Rate Area within the Bakersfield exchange with a boundary substantially as shown in Exhibits A and B attached to the application.

3. Applicant is authorized to file, in conformity with General Order No. 96-A, 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.

4. Applicant is authorized to withdraw suburban telephone service within the Mettler Special Rate Area coincident with establishment of said special rate area.

5. The authorization to establish said special rate area, granted herein, will expire unless exercised within one year of the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of JANUARY, 1967.

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President

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Commissioner WILLIAM SIMONS, JR.
not participate in the disposition of
this proceeding.