

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 72033

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 Inyokern Exchange )  
 Area in that portion of the Ridge- )  
 crest Exchange Area served by the )  
 Inyokern Central Office; to continue )  
 in effect in said proposed exchange )  
 area those rates presently appli- )  
 cable to the Inyokern Base Rate )  
 Area; to retain the existing Ridge- )  
 crest Toll Rate Center as the toll )  
 rate center for said proposed ex- )  
 change; to establish a new toll )  
 rate center for the proposed re- )  
 vised Ridgecrest Exchange; and to )  
 provide extended area calling be- )  
 tween said proposed Inyokern Ex- )  
 change and the proposed revised )  
 Ridgecrest Exchange.

Application No. 48863  
 (Filed October 13, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

California Interstate Telephone Company (hereafter re-  
 ferred to as "applicant") requests this Commission to authorize:

1. Establishment of the Inyokern Exchange, Kern County, (from a part of the Ridgecrest Exchange), as shown in Exhibit C attached to the application.
2. Retention of the existing toll rate center, as Inyokern Toll Rate Center.
3. Establishment of a new Ridgecrest Toll Rate Center to be located as shown in Exhibit G attached to the application.
4. Establishment of Inyokern Exchange rates identical to the rates presently in effect in the Ridgecrest Exchange.
5. Filing and making effective new and revised maps as shown in Exhibits C, D, and E attached to the application.

6. Establishment of extended calling between the Inyokern and Ridgecrest Exchanges.

In support of its application the company alleges that there is popular demand for, and it is in the public interest to establish, the proposed separate Inyokern Exchange.

The Commission staff has reviewed the application and made a field inspection of the area. As a result, the staff prepared a report in which it recommended that the application be granted. The staff report is received in evidence as Exhibit No. 1.

Characteristics of the Area

Inyokern is six miles west of Ridgecrest, both located in the northeast corner of Kern County, and has its own community of interest.

The Inyokern Exchange will cover approximately 370 square miles.

Exchange Rates and Toll Effects

The rates presently in effect in the Ridgecrest Exchange

will become the Inyokern Exchange rates as follows:

<u>Class and Grade of Service</u>	<u>Basic Monthly Exchange Rate</u>
Business	
1-Party	\$ 11.00
2-Party	9.15
Suburban 0 - 4-1/2 Miles	7.60
4-1/2 - 14-1/2 Miles	8.40
14-1/2 - 24-1/2 Miles	9.15
Residence	
1-Party	6.25
2-Party	5.15
4-Party	4.40
Suburban 0 - 4-1/2 Miles	4.40
4-1/2 - 24-1/2 Miles	5.40

As the proposed Inyokern Exchange will include the present Ridgecrest Toll Rate Center, there will be no toll rate changes for Inyokern subscribers.

The new Toll Rate Center to be established for the ridgecrest Exchange will be in the same block and section<sup>1/</sup> of the nationwide toll zoning as the present Ridgecrest Toll Rate Center. Therefore, all toll rates will remain the same, except to four locations where different rates apply as follows:

<u>To</u>	<u>Minimum Day Station Rates</u>	
	<u>From</u>	
	<u>Present</u> <u>Ridgecrest</u> <u>Toll Rate Center</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Ridgecrest</u> <u>Toll Rate Center</u>
Coso Junction No. 4	\$ .35	\$ .40
Haiwee Power Plant	.40	.45
Little Lake Nos. 8-12	.20	.25
Randsburg	.30	.25

A recent traffic study indicates that there are approximately twice as many calls to Randsburg as to the other three places; therefore, the above changes will result in a slight saving to Ridgecrest subscribers.

Findings

The Commission finds that a public hearing is not necessary; that establishment of the Inyokern Exchange and new Ridgecrest Toll Rate Center, consistent with the V-H method of mileage measurement, and the provision of extended calling between the Inyokern and Ridgecrest Exchanges, as described in the application, are in the public's interest; that such increases in rates and charges as will result from a granting of this application are justified, and that present

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<sup>1/</sup> Official notice is taken that California Interstate Telephone Company has concurred with The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in the V-H (Vertical-Horizontal) system of mileage measurement effective January 30, 1967, as ordered by this Commission in Decision No. 71575 in Case No. 7409.

rates in so far as they differ from those herein prescribed, upon the establishment of the Inyokern Exchange, will for the future be unjust and unreasonable. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. California Interstate Telephone Company (applicant) is authorized to establish the Inyokern Exchange and Toll Rate Center, consistent with the V-H mileage measurement method, as described in the application.

2. Applicant is authorized to establish a new Toll Rate Center, consistent with the V-H mileage measurement method for Ridgecrest Exchange, as proposed in the application.

3. Applicant is authorized to provide extended calling between its Inyokern and Ridgecrest Exchanges.

4. Applicant is authorized to establish and to file in conformity with General Order No. 96-A exchange rates for the Inyokern Exchange, identical to the present Ridgecrest Exchange rates.

5. 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 E attached to the application.

6. The authorization granted herein will expire unless exercised on or before September 1, 1967.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of FEBRUARY, 1967.

*Richard L. Mitchell*  
President

*William G. Bennett*

*Augustus*

*William Hyman - Jr.*

*W. P. Morrison*  
Commissioners