

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 72989

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE  
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority  
to establish the Camp Nelson special  
rate area within the Springville  
exchange, and to expand the  
Springville exchange to include  
certain unfiled territory.

Application No. 49453  
(Filed June 12, 1967)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has requested authority to establish the Camp Nelson Special Rate Area within the Springville Exchange, and to expand the Springville Exchange to include certain unfiled territory, Tulare County, in accordance with Exhibits A and B of the application, to furnish urban grades of service at rates set forth in Exhibit C of the application and shown below, to withdraw suburban service within the special rate area, and to offer urban service outside the base rate area and the special rate area according to the rules in paragraph VII of the application. A summary of present rates and proposed SRA rates follows:

	Rate Per Month	
	Present	Proposed
<u>Business</u>		
1-Party	\$ 8.70*	\$10.70
2-Party	6.95*	8.35
Semipublic	4.50*	6.50
PBX Trunks	13.00*	15.00
Suburban	5.95	Not Offered
Farmer Line	2.85	3.25**
<u>Residence</u>		
1-Party	4.70*	6.70
2-Party	3.90*	5.30
4-Party	3.35*	4.35
Suburban	3.85	Not Offered
Farmer Line	1.60	2.00**

\*Plus suburban mileage charges.

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

The Commission staff has reviewed the application and has made a field inspection of the area. The staff report, wherein it recommends that the application be granted, is made a part of the record as Exhibit No. 1.

Exhibit No. 1 reveals that there is practically no development along the 10 miles of Highway 190, a mountainous road, between Springville and Camp Nelson. It also reveals that the Camp Nelson Special Rate Area includes, in addition to the 125 lots being developed in the Camp Nelson area, developments at Pierpoint Springs of 70 lots, Alpine Village with 44 lots and Cedar Slope with 84 lots, a total of 198 additional lots. The total development is planned for 323 lots.

The number of year-round and retirement homes planned and in use is increasing. Development within the SRA consists of about 500 homes, an indicated density of about 152 homes per square mile. This meets the tentative density criteria.

State Highway 190 to this area is being improved and its eventual connection with Highway 395 will benefit the Camp Nelson area both during and after the construction period. While the plans for the highway have been established, budgeting for the highway will be made after Fiscal Year 1975.

Three additional housing developments are planned near the Camp Nelson area. The Coy Flat development is located about one mile south of the SRA boundary south of Camp Nelson. Only seven or eight scattered summer homes of a planned 35 are built. Sequoia Crest, located approximately four miles north of the SRA, is planned for 126 lots. The Ponderosa settlement is about five and one-half miles south of the SRA at an elevation of 7,200 feet. It is only accessible in summer and contains about 25 cabins. There is no permanent population.

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Development in the Camp Nelson Special Rate Area has been such that 18 working carrier circuits have been installed between Springville and Camp Nelson. Also, an unattended central office building has been constructed in Camp Nelson with a capacity for 240 main stations and 280 lines. At the present time 161 main stations are connected. Forecast estimates reveal that population growth and demands for service will be satisfied through 1970.

The company has notified all subscribers in the area by letter of its intention to request authorization "without public hearing". The letter included proposed rates and requested return of comments by June 26, 1967.

One hundred and nineteen letters were sent with 32 responses being received. Twenty-nine responses were favorable and three were unfavorable. Two of the unfavorable responses indicated that they would agree to the desires of the majority of subscribers and requested the improved 4-party service when the transition was approved.

The special rate area covers approximately 3.29 square miles and includes approximately 0.44 square miles of previously unfiled territory outside the Springville Exchange. No services are presently being furnished in this area.

As of September, 1966, applicant furnished suburban residence service to 113 subscribers and suburban business service to three subscribers who will be upgraded to urban service. One residence and four business urban service subscribers inside the Camp Nelson Special Rate Area will have their mileage charges eliminated.

Applicant estimates that annual revenues would increase by about \$1,000 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 Camp Nelson Special Rate Area.

IT IS ORDERED that:

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

2. The applicant is authorized to expand the Springville Exchange boundary area to include approximately 0.44 square miles of unfiled territory as shown on Exhibits A and B of the application.

3. 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 revised to show the Camp Nelson Special Rate Area within the Springville Exchange including the minor expansion (0.44 square miles), with a boundary substantially as shown in Exhibits A and B attached to the application.

4. 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 VII 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.

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

6. Applicant will continue to survey and report to this Commission development and growth in the Camp Nelson area at two-year intervals for the next three such intervals. When substantial growth occurs within the Camp Nelson area consideration should be given to base rate area treatment.

7. 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 1967.

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