

Decision No. 73860**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELE-
PHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for
authority to establish the Bear
Valley special rate area within
the Angels Camp exchange.

Application No. 49933
Filed January 9, 1968

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has requested authority to establish the Bear Valley Special Rate Area within the Angels Camp Exchange, Alpine 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 furnish urban service outside the base rate area and the special rate area according to the rules in Paragraph VI of the application. A summary of present rates and proposed SRA rates follows:

ANGELS CAMP EXCHANGEPROPOSED BEAR VALLEY SPECIAL RATE AREA

Present and Proposed Rates
for Principal Classifications of Exchange Service

	<u>Present#</u>			<u>Proposed</u>
	<u>Angels Camp</u>	<u>Murphys SRA</u>	<u>Arnolds SRA</u>	<u>Bear Valley SRA</u>
<u>Business</u>				
1-Party	\$ 5.80	\$ 6.80	\$ 8.30	\$ 8.30
2-Party	4.50	5.20	6.25	6.25
Semipublic	3.00	4.00	5.50	5.50
PBX Trunks	8.50	9.50	11.00	11.00
Suburban	4.45	Not Offered	Not Offered	Not Offered
Farmer Line	1.15*	1.35**	1.65**	1.65**
<u>Residence</u>				
1-Party	\$ 3.70	\$ 4.70	\$ 6.20	\$ 6.20
2-Party	3.00	3.70	4.75	4.75
4-Party	2.45	2.95	3.70	3.70
Suburban	2.95	Not Offered	Not Offered	Not Offered
Farmer Line	.70*	.90**	1.20**	1.20**

Plus suburban mileage charges on urban services.

* Applicable to service connecting at the Base Rate Area.

** Applicable to service connecting at the Special Rate Area.

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

According to Exhibit No. 1, the company has notified all subscribers in the area by letter of its intention to request authorization of its proposed changes of telephone service in the area. The letter included proposed rates and requested return of comments by January 30, 1968. A total of 25 customers responded, 22 in favor of the proposal and three undecided. The company subsequently contacted these three, who then expressed a favorable view towards the proposal.

The special rate area covers approximately 0.84 square miles, and is located near the base of Mt. Reba in Alpine County. Development within the area is comprised of about 55 completed homes and 45 homes in various stages of construction plus condominium units, hotel, lodge and a shopping center. There are two large subdivisions in the area which total about 700 single dwelling lots. Winter recreational facilities include a recently opened ski lodge and three ski lifts. A golf course is scheduled for construction in the summer of 1968.

Telephone services as of October 1967 consisted of four suburban business and 23 suburban residence services. There are no foreign exchange or farmer line services in the proposed special rate area. Applicant estimates there will be a requirement for 235 services in the area by January 1, 1970.

Applicant proposes rates for primary urban services within the Bear Valley special rate area equivalent to Angels Camp base rates plus an increment equal to a five one-quarter mile suburban mileage charge. This increment gives appropriate consideration to development within the proposed special rate area, its distance of approximately 38 miles from the base rate area boundary and 21 miles from the present Arnold special rate area, and the effect of establishing the special rate area upon the applicant's revenues.

Applicant estimates that annual revenues would increase by about \$6,000 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 Bear Valley Special Rate Area.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is authorized to establish the Bear Valley 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 revised to show the Bear Valley Special Rate Area within the Angels' Camp 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 VI 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 Bear Valley 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 twelve months 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 19th day of MARCH, 1968.

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Commissioners