

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 73861

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELE-  
PHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for  
authority to establish the  
Strawberry special rate area  
within the South Tahoe exchange. }

Application No. 49991  
(Filed February 1, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has requested authority to establish the Strawberry Special Rate Area within the South Tahoe Exchange, El Dorado 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 V of the application. A summary of present rates and proposed SRA rates follows:

SOUTH TAHOE EXCHANGEPROPOSED STRAWBERRY SPECIAL RATE AREA

Present and Proposed Rates  
for Principal Classifications of Exchange Service

	<u>PRESENT#</u>		<u>PROPOSED</u>
	<u>SOUTH TAHOE</u>	<u>MEYERS SRA</u>	<u>STRAWBERRY SRA</u>
<u>BUSINESS</u>			
1-Party	\$ 6.85	\$ 7.35	\$ 8.35
2-Party	5.35	5.70	6.40
Semipublic	3.50	4.00	5.00
PBX Trunks	10.25	10.75	11.75
Suburban	4.80	Not Offered	Not Offered
<u>RESIDENCE</u>			
1-Party	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 5.50
2-Party	3.30	3.65	4.35
4-Party	2.75	3.00	3.50
Suburban	3.25	Not Offered	Not Offered

# Plus suburban mileage charges on urban services located outside the base rate area and the special rate area.

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The special rate area covers approximately 5.4 square miles. As of November 1967 applicant furnished 17 suburban residence services, four suburban business services and two urban business services within the proposed Strawberry Special Rate Area. Development within the proposed special rate area consists of numerous summer-winter home tracts administered by the U.S. Forest Service and many private developments and commercial areas. Business establishments in the area include several motel-lodge and rental cabin complexes, real estate offices, grocery stores, service stations, eating establishments, stables and ski resorts. In addition, there is a major state highway maintenance station providing living quarters for a large crew and repair and garage facilities for numerous pieces of equipment. There are about 848 establishments in the proposed special rate area.

There are 23 urban services in the surrounding area that will have mileage charges reduced. No foreign exchange or farmer line services are affected.

Applicant estimates that annual revenues would increase by about \$9,100 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 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 Strawberry Special Rate Area. Therefore,

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IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized to establish the Strawberry 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 Strawberry Special Rate Area within the South Tahoe 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 Strawberry Special Rate Area coincident with establishment of said special rate area.

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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 19<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 1968.

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President

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Commissioners