

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 74824

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 THE WESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY, a
 California corporation, for authority
 to establish, maintain and operate
 telephone exchanges to be known as
 the Mad River Exchange, the Orleans
 Exchange, and the Trinity Center Exchange,
 and to file, publish and make effective
 rules and regulations for telephone
 service in said Mad River, Orleans and
 Trinity Center Exchange.

Application No. 48394

PETITION FOR MODIFICATION

In its petition filed September 10, 1968 the Golden West Telephone Company, successor of the Western Telephone Company, seeks authorization under Sections 451 and 701 of the Public Utilities Code to (1) deviate from the Decision No. 71418 in Application No. 48394 in respect to the boundaries of applicant's Mad River Exchange; (2) expand the applicant's Hayfork Exchange as indicated in Exhibit A attached to the petition; and (3) to file and make effective pursuant to General Order No. 96-A such tariff revisions as may be reasonable and proper. In Decision No. 71418 in Application No. 48794 the applicant was granted the authority to establish the Mad River Exchange as proposed. Under the terms of the decision applicant was given until January 1, 1968 to establish the exchange. However, by letter petitions dated September 5, 1967 and May 15, 1968, Applicant sought extensions in time, first to July 1, 1968 and then to January 1, 1969. These extensions were authorized by Decisions 73109 and 74215, respectively.

Applicant states that the Forest Glen Area, comprised originally in the Mad River Exchange Area, has closer community ties with Hayfork and Weaverville than with the Ruth and Mad River Areas. Moreover, all the supplies and essential services are coming to Forest Glen Area from Hayfork and Weaverville and the State Highway No. 36 is more accessible for telephone maintenance personnel from the east than from the west, i.e., Mad River and Ruth Areas, because the condition and quality of highway is significantly better than the highway to the west of Forest Glen Area. It is also stated that during the winter time the highway to the west of Forest Glen is often closed by snow for several days, while to the east it is rarely allowed to remain closed for any protracted period. Therefore, applicant proposes (1) to exclude from the Mad River Exchange the Forest Glen toll service station area, comprised of Sections 13 and 24 of Township 1 South, Range 7 East, H.B.&M. together with Section 12 of that township and Sections 7, 18 and 19, Township 1 South Range 8 East H.B.&M. and to transfer this area to Hayfork Exchange Area; (2) to expand the Hayfork Exchange Area to include approximately 19 square miles of unassigned territory lying between the Forest Glen Toll Station Service Area and the now existing boundary of the Hayfork Exchange. In the 19 square miles of unassigned territory which applicant seeks to include in the Hayfork Exchange there are no existing line subscribers but includes a promising real estate project in excess of 1,000 lots in the Trinity Pines Subdivision.

In the area being included in the Hayfork Exchange, applicant proposes to make available the same rate structure as is currently authorized in the Hayfork Exchange. This structure is essentially the same as authorized for the Mad River Exchange with several minor exceptions. Applicant states that it will contact

each of its subscribers in the area considered, will outline its plans to these subscribers, and will notify this Commission of any objection raised. Applicant states that the modification proposed herein in no way interferes with the operation of any line or system of any other public utility corporation or person.

The Commission finds that the proposed modification will not be adverse to the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Applicant is authorized to deviate from Decision No. 71418 in Application No. 48394 as requested in the petition.
2. Applicant is authorized to file with this Commission after the effective date of this order and in conformity with General Order No. 96-A the changes in tariff schedules for exchange and toll telephone service and map of exchange in accordance with Exhibit A attached to the petition.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of OCTOBER, 1968.

William Lyons Jr.
President
John P. Mornsey
Commissioner
William W. Bennett
Director