

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 75652

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 a new)
exchange area to be known as the)
Weldon exchange; to establish)
exchange zoning, a new toll rate)
point, central office and rates)
for said proposed exchange; and)
to provide extended area calling)
between said proposed Weldon)
exchange, the Isabella exchange)
and the proposed revised Kernville)
exchange.)

Application No. 50862
(Filed February 6, 1969)

O P I N I O N

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

1. Establishment of the Weldon Exchange (from a part of the Kernville Exchange), as shown in corrected Exhibit C attached to Exhibit No. 1 which is described later.
2. Establishment of a new Weldon Toll Rate Center in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 14, T26S, R34E, M.D.B.& M.
3. Establishment of rate zones within the Weldon Exchange.
4. Provision of extended calling amongst the Weldon, Kernville and Lake Isabella Exchanges.
5. Filing and making effective new and revised maps as shown in Exhibits A and B attached to the application.
6. Establishment of the proposed rates shown in Exhibit D attached to the application, as Weldon Exchange rates.

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 Weldon Exchange, to provide improved service for the area.

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. In the Weldon Exchange 178 subscribers who have suburban 8-party service and have elected to be upgraded will get an increase in monthly rates; while 6 subscribers with urban service who pay mileage charges will get a reduction (Exhibit E attached to Exhibit 1). The company is willing to file for tariff deviation in case of three or more present subscribers who can claim the proposed higher rates will cause hardship to them. This deviation should expire when service is upgraded, terminated, transferred or a major rate revision takes place. The staff report is received in evidence as Exhibit No. 1.

Characteristics of the Area

Weldon is approximately 50 miles east of Bakersfield on Highway 178. It is close to the southeastern shore of Lake Isabella, in Kern County.

The Weldon Exchange will cover approximately 160 square miles.

Exchange Rates and Toll Effects

The proposed rates for Weldon are:
For Zone 1 those presently in effect in the Kernville Base Rate Area.

For Zone 2 rates include the mileage charges for three quarter miles in addition to the Base Rate Area rates, resulting in similar rate structure as customary in Special Rate Areas.

For Zone 3 would approximate those customary in suburban areas.

The following are the proposed rates:

	Individual Line	Two- Party Line	Suburban Four- Party Line	Exchange Trunk	Semi-Pub. Min. Chg. Per Day**
Business					
Zone 1	\$ 8.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$12.50	\$.31
Zone 2	10.55	-	-	14.60	.35
Zone 3	10.55*	-	6.90	14.60*	.35*
Residence					
Zone 1	5.25	-	-	7.75	-
Zone 2	7.35	5.60	-	9.85	-
Zone 3	7.35*	-	5.60	9.85*	-

* Plus mileage from common boundary of Zone 2 and Zone 3.

** The rate for each semi-public individual line service exchange message is 10¢.

The establishment of a Weldon Toll Rate Center southeast of the existing Kernville Toll Rate Center will result in slight changes on some toll rates. The overall effect however, will be a reduction of subscriber paid toll charges by approximately \$316 annually.

Findings

The Commission finds that a public hearing is not necessary; that establishment of the Weldon Exchange and Toll Rate Center, and the provision of extended calling amongst the Weldon, Kernville and Lake Isabella Exchanges, as described in the application, are in the public interest; that such increases in rates and charges as will result from a granting of this application are justified, and that present rates in so far as they differ from

those herein prescribed, upon the establishment of the Weldon Exchange, will for the future be unjust and unreasonable.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. California Interstate Telephone Company (applicant) is authorized to establish the Weldon Exchange and Toll Rate Center, as described in the application.

2. Applicant is authorized to establish and to file in conformity with General Order No. 96-A exchange rates for the Weldon Exchange, as set forth in Exhibit D attached to the application and deviations as set forth in the opinion herein.

3. Applicant is authorized to provide extended calling amongst its Weldon, Kernville and Lake Isabella Exchanges.

4. 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 A and B attached to the application.

5. The authorization granted herein will expire unless exercised on or before January 1, 1970.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of May, 1969.

William Lyons, Jr.
President

David R. Morrison
Commissioner

John J. ...
Commissioners