

Decision No. 75863

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for Authority to Establish the Castaic and Val Verde Special Rate Areas in the Newhall Exchange.

Application No. 51026
(Filed May 10, 1969)

O P I N I O N

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has requested authority to establish the Castaic and Val Verde Special Rate Areas within the Newhall Exchange, Los Angeles County, in accordance with Exhibits A, B, and C of the application, to furnish urban grades of service at rates set forth in Exhibit D 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 CRA rates follows:

	Rate Per Month	
	Present*	Proposed
<u>Business</u>		
1-Party Flat Rate	\$ 9.00	\$10.30
2-Party Flat Rate	6.75	7.45
Semi-public Coin	4.50	5.30
Each PBX Trunk	15.50	14.30
Suburban	6.25	Not Offered
Farmer Line	2.75	2.95#

* Plus suburban mileage charges on urban services
Applicable to service connecting at special rate area.

<u>Residence</u>	<u>Rate Per Month</u>	
	<u>Present*</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1-Party Flat Rate	4.75	6.05
2-Party Flat Rate	3.65	4.35
4-Party Flat Rate	2.95	3.45
Suburban	3.45	Not Offered
Farmer Line	1.50	1.70#

*Plus suburban mileage charges on urban services

#Applicable to service connecting at special rate area.

The only increase in rates for present subscribers would be that experienced by 14 business subscribers who now have suburban service (3-party) at \$6.25 and under the proposal would have 2-party business service at \$7.45 per month. There are no farmer line subscribers. The small amount of increase for a few customers is offset by better services and improvement in service or rates for all subscribers and does not warrant the denial of this application.

The Castaic Special Rate Area covers approximately 1.55 square miles and includes 20 business establishments including an elementary school, a post office, and the administration offices of the Feather River Project's West Branch Division. There are also about 200 occupied residential dwellings. Further construction of homes in the vicinity is planned. As of the time of the application, there were 73 urban grade services and 113 suburban grade services in the proposed special rate area.

The Val Verde Special Rate Area covers approximately 1.13 square miles in area and includes the Val Verde County Park, about 200 residences and a few small businesses. At the time of the application there were 30 urban grade services and 103 suburban grade services in the proposed Val Verde Special Rate Area.

Applicant estimates that annual revenues would decrease by about \$9,100 in Castaic and by about \$1,300 in Val Verde after normal regrading. It appears that granting the application will result in improved service and so it is in the public interest.

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 Castaic and Val Verde Special Rate Areas.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized to establish the Castaic and Val Verde Special Rate Areas 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 Castaic and Val Verde Special Rate Areas within the Newhall Exchange with boundaries substantially as shown in Exhibits A, B, and C 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 areas, as set forth in Exhibit D 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 areas.

4. Applicant is authorized to withdraw suburban telephone service within the Castaic and Val Verde Special Rate Areas coincident with establishment of said special rate areas.

5. The authorization to establish said special rate areas granted herein, will expire unless exercised within eight 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 1st day of JULY, 1969.

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