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Decision No. 76819.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND  
TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority to estab-  
lish the Niland Special Rate Area in  
the Calipatria Exchange

Application No. 51611  
(Filed January 9, 1970)

O P I N I O N

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has requested authority to establish the Niland Special Rate Area within the Calipatria Exchange, Imperial 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:

<u>Business</u>	<u>Rate Per Month</u>	
	<u>Present*</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1-Party	\$ 9.00	\$ 10.95
2-Party	6.75	7.30
Semi Public	4.50	6.45
PBX Trunks-		
Flat-Each Trunk	13.50	15.45
Suburban	6.25	Not Offered
<u>Residence</u>		
1-Party	4.75	6.70
2-Party	3.65	4.70
4-Party	2.95	3.70
Suburban	3.45	Not Offered

\* Plus Suburban Mileage

Applicant operates the Calipatria Exchange in Imperial County, California, and serves about 1,200 telephones within the exchange and proposes to establish the Niland Special Rate Area within the Calipatria Exchange, to establish rates without mileage charges for urban grades of telephone service and to withdraw the suburban service now offered and furnished within the proposed special rate area.

The proposed special rate area is located approximately six and one-half miles north of the community of Calipatria. There is public demand for, and it is in the public interest to establish the proposed Niland Special Rate Area.

The proposed special rate area is approximately 2.15 square miles in area and presently includes 24 urban grade and 172 suburban grade services. There are 13 urban grade service customers in the surrounding area outside the proposed Niland Special Rate Area who would have their mileage charges reduced by the establishment of the proposed Special Rate Area. Development within the Special Rate Area consists of about 250 homes, an elementary school, post office, fire department, sheriff's office and 25 businesses.

Applicant estimates that the annual revenue will increase by approximately \$900 because of expected regrading to urban grades of service.

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 Niland Special Rate Area.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized to establish the Niland 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 Niland Special Rate Area within the Calipatria 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 Niland 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 eighteen months of the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 1970.

William S. Gerson, Jr.  
President

Thomas L. Stinson  
Commissioners

Commissioner A. W. Gtov, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.