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Decision No. 76827

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority to establish the Westmorland Special Rate Area in the Brawley Exchange

Application No. 51595
(Filed January 5, 1970)

O P I N I O N

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has requested authority to establish the Westmorland Special Rate Area within the Brawley 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 Flat	\$ 9.00	\$ 10.30
2-Party Flat	6.75	7.45
Semi Public	4.50	5.80
PBX Trunks-Flat Each Trunk	13.50	14.80
Suburban	6.25	Not Offered
 <u>RESIDENCE</u>		
1-Party Flat	\$ 4.75	\$ 6.05
2-Party Flat	3.65	4.35
4-Party Flat	2.95	3.45
Suburban	3.45	Not Offered

* Plus suburban mileage charges on urban services.

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Applicant operates the Brawley Exchange in Imperial County, California and serves about 8,000 telephones within the exchange.

Applicant proposes to establish the Westmorland Special Rate Area within the Brawley 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 4.5 miles northwest of the Brawley Base Rate Area, and includes the City of Westmorland. There is a public demand for, and it is in the public interest, to establish the proposed Westmorland Special Rate Area.

The special rate area covers approximately 1.18 square miles and includes about 350 homes, an elementary school, Water Department, City Hall, Fire and Police Departments and 40 other businesses subscribing to 73 urban grade and 204 suburban grade of services.

Applicant estimates that annual revenues would decrease by about \$4,800 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 Westmorland Special Rate Area.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized to establish the Westmorland 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 Westmorland Special Rate Area within the Brawley 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 Westmorland 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 one year 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 20th day of FEBRUARY, 1970.

William Lyman J.
President

Thomas L. Stearns
Commissioners

Commissioner A. W. Gatov, 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.