

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 77196

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH
COMPANY for authority to
establish the Richgrove Special
Rate Area in the Delano Exchange.)

Application No. 51797
(Filed March 31, 1970)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has requested authority to establish the Richgrove Special Rate Area within the Delano Exchange, Tulare County, in accordance with Exhibit C of the application and to withdraw suburban service now offered and furnished within the proposed special rate area.

A summary of present rates and proposed SRA rates follows:

Delano Exchange
Proposed Richgrove Special Rate Area
Present and Proposed Rates
for Principal Classifications of Exchange Service

<u>Business</u>	<u>Rate Per Month</u>	
	<u>Present*</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1-Party	\$ 9.00	\$ 10.30
2-Party	6.75	7.45
Semi-Public	4.50	5.80
PBX Trunks	13.50	14.80
Suburban	6.25	Not Offered
Farmer Line	2.75#	2.95#
<u>Residence</u>		
1-Party	4.75	6.05
2-Party	3.65	4.35
4-Party	2.95	3.45
Suburban	3.45	Not Offered
Farmer Line	1.50#	1.70#

* Plus suburban mileage charges for grades of services located outside base rate area.

Applicable to service connecting at the BRA or SRA.

The special rate area covers approximately 3.97 square miles. This area includes 400 occupied residences and 10 homes under construction, 48 businesses, including a post office, school, fire station, church, 3 service stations and 7 packing sheds. Richgrove is one of the United States Government's "Self-Help Program" areas. The Government provides only supervision of construction and assistance in securing low cost home building loans. The self-improving work is done by local residents. It is anticipated that an additional 30 to 45 homes will be constructed each year under the program within the proposed special rate area. There are three local ranchers who plan to subdivide acreage adjacent to and to the north of Richgrove, resulting in approximately 100 lots. Applicant estimates that the establishment of the Richgrove special rate area will decrease applicant's annual revenues by approximately \$3,300. It appears that granting the application will result in improved service 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 Richgrove special rate area; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized to establish the Richgrove 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 Richgrove special rate area within the Delano 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 Delano urban service outside the proposed special rate area at the rates 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 Richgrove special rate area coincident with the establishment of said special rate area.

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

Dated at San Francisco California, this
12th day of MAY, 1970.

William Squoos J.
 President
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Thomas L. Sturgeon
 Commissioners