

Decision No. 77230

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH
COMPANY, a corporation, for authority
to increase certain intrastate rates
and charges applicable to telephone
service furnished within the State
of California

Application No. 29854
(Petition for Modification
filed April 3, 1970)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has requested an order for modification of Item 4d of the Order in Decision No. 43145. Said Item 4d of Decision No. 43145 stated:

"4. In respect to the timing of intrastate messages, applicant shall: . . .

"d. Initiate the necessary development work and cost studies required to provide automatic timers associated with switchboards handling timed messages, and file semi-annual reports as to progress beginning December 31, 1949."

The purpose of such report was to provide information on applicant's progress in developing and implementing means of automatically timing messages in the interest of improving the timing performance of the company.

Practical means of timing calls have been developed and are being implemented through the expansion of applicant's Direct Distance Dialing (DDD) network and the installation of TSP (Traffic Service Position).

With the passage of time, the implementation program has progressed to the point whereby 96% of the six million main telephones in service have access to automatic timing.

By letter dated April 16, 1970, which is hereby received as Exhibit No. 1, applicant submitted a list of its exchanges which do not have access to direct distance dialing along with its program to introduce direct distance dialing. Exhibit 1 reveals that there are presently 117 exchanges which do not have access to DDD. These exchanges are mostly small ranging in size from 25 total telephones to 30,000; over one-half of them have less than 1,000 telephones. Applicant's tentative program is to provide DDD in 103 exchanges by the end of 1973 with the remaining 14 completed by the end of 1975.

The Commission finds that the report as ordered by Item 4d of the Order in Decision No. 43145 is no longer necessary and that the petition should be granted and a public hearing is not necessary; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Item 4d of the Order in Decision No. 43145 be modified to relieve the applicant from filing further reports.
2. Decision No. 43145, except as amended by this Order, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this
19th day of MAY, 1970.

William Synnott
 President
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J. K. Kram
James L. Stinger
 Commissioners