

Decision No. 77468

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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 Capell Valley Special
Rate Area in the Napa Exchange }

Application No. 51934
(Filed June 3, 1970)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (applicant) has requested authority to establish the Capell Valley Special Rate Area within the Napa Exchange, Napa County. Applicant proposes to establish rates without mileage charges for urban grades of telephone service and to withdraw suburban service now offered and furnished within the proposed special rate area. A summary of proposed special rate area rates follows:

Napa Exchange

Proposed Capell Valley Special Rate Area
Present and Proposed Rates
for Principal Classifications of Exchange Service

	<u>Rate Per Month</u>	
	<u>Present#</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Business</u>		
1-Party	\$ 9.05	\$11.00
2-Party	6.80	7.85
Semipublic	4.75	6.70
PBX Trunks	13.55	15.50
Suburban	6.30	Not Offered
Farmer Line	2.80*	3.10*
<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
Farmer Line	1.50*	1.80*

Suburban mileage charges applicable to urban grades of service provided outside the base rate area.

* Applicable to service connecting at the BRA or SRA.

The Capell Special Rate Area, as described in Exhibit B attached to the application, covers approximately six-tenths of a square mile in area. It is located seven miles northeast of the base rate area of the Napa exchange, on State Highway 37. Present telephone services within the proposed special rate area are 2 one-party business, 7 two-party business, 2 two-party residence, 4 four-party residence and 29 suburban residence. Development within the special rate area consists of 15 business enterprises, one 34-space mobile home park with 25 occupied spaces and 18 single-family residences. Customers in the area have requested service improvement in correspondence with the company. They have also contacted this Commission.

Applicant estimates that the establishment of the Capell Valley Special Rate Area will increase applicant's annual revenues by approximately \$200.

Applicant proposes rates for primary urban grades of service within the Capell Valley Special Rate Area equivalent to Napa base rates plus an increment equal to three-quarter miles suburban mileage charge. This increment gives appropriate consideration to development within the proposed special rate area, its distance from the base rate area and the effect of establishing the proposed special rate area upon applicant's revenues.

Applicant also proposes to furnish Napa urban service outside the proposed special rate area or the base rate area at the rates of the special rate area plus suburban mileage charges to the nearest point on the special rate area boundary or base rates plus suburban mileage charges to the nearest point of the base rate area boundary, whichever results in the lower charge to the customer. There are seven urban grade services in the surrounding suburban area outside of the proposed Capell Valley Special Rate Area which would have mileage charges reduced.

It appears that granting of the application will result in improved services and is in the public interest.

The Commission finds that a public hearing is not necessary, that such changes in rates and charges are justified, and that for the future present rates, insofar as they differ from those herein prescribed, will be unjust and unreasonable upon the establishment of Capell Valley Special Rate Area; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized to establish the Capell Valley Special Rate Area in the Napa exchange.
2. Applicant is authorized to file in conformity with General Order No. 96-A rates for service within the Capell Valley Special Rate Area as set forth in Exhibit C attached to this application, and as described in Section V of this 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.
3. Applicant is authorized to withdraw suburban telephone service within the Capell Valley Special Rate Area coincident with establishment of said special rate area.
4. After the effective date of this order, applicant is authorized to file with this Commission in conformity with General

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Order No. 96-A exchange maps revised to show the Capell Valley Special Rate Area within the Napa exchange with a boundary substantially as shown in Exhibits A and B, attached to this application.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day
of JULY, 1970.

J. J. [Signature]
Chairman
William [Signature]
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Commissioners

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

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.