

Decision No. 77617

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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 a new exchange, to be known as the Mountain Pass Exchange, in San Bernardino County, California.

Application No. 51915
(Filed May 21, 1970)

O P I N I O N

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (hereafter referred to as "applicant") requests the Commission to authorize:

1. Establishment of a new Mountain Pass Exchange, as shown in Exhibit A attached to the application.
2. Establishment of a new Mountain Pass Toll Rate Center at the V and H coordinates 8828 and 7450, respectively.
3. Establishment of a Mountain Pass Base Rate Area as shown in Exhibit B attached to the application.
4. Filing and making effective a new exchange map as shown in Exhibit A and B attached to the application.
5. Establishment of the proposed rates shown in Exhibit C attached to the application as Mountain Pass exchange rates.

In support of its application the company alleges that there is a public demand for, and it is in the public interest to establish, the new Mountain Pass Exchange, to provide telephone service for the area.

The Commission staff has reviewed the application and made a field inspection of the area. As a result, the staff prepared a report in which it recommends that the application be granted. The staff report is received in evidence as Exhibit No. 1.

The application was prepared in response to a petition from the residents of the proposed exchange requesting telephone service. The application was discussed with many prospective customers, and no adverse comments were received.

Characteristics of the Area

The Mountain Pass exchange will be in San Bernardino County approximately 30 miles east of Pacific's Baker exchange.

The proposed exchange will cover approximately 75 square miles encompassing the communities of Mountain Pass and Nipton.

Mountain Pass is basically a mining community around the mine of the Molybdenum Corporation. This operation is anticipated to double in the near future, with a corresponding growth in population.

The communications needs of this growing population can be best served through the establishment of a telephone exchange. Such an exchange could also recover a larger proportion of the initial annual costs (80%) versus the present toll station service recovery of 50%.

Exchange Rates

The proposed rates for Mountain Pass Exchange are those presently in effect for applicant's group I exchanges elsewhere in California pursuant to Decision No. 74917 of this Commission.

Service

<u>Business</u>	<u>Rate Per Month</u>
Individual Line Flat Rate	\$9.00
Two-Party Line Flat Rate	6.75
Four-Party Line Suburban	7.50
Semipublic Coin Individual Line	4.50
PBX Trunks, Flat Rate, Each Commercial and Hotel	13.50
<u>Residence</u>	
Individual Line Flat Rate	4.75
Two-Party Line Flat Rate	3.65
Four-Party Suburban	4.00

Findings

The Commission finds that:

1. A public hearing is not necessary.
2. Establishment of the new Mountain Pass Exchange, Base Rate Area and Toll Rate Center is in the public's interest.
3. The proposed rates are just and reasonable.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Applicant, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, is authorized to establish the new Mountain Pass Exchange, Base Rate Area, and Toll Rate Center, as described in the application.

2. After the effective date of this order applicant is authorized to establish and file in conformity with General Order No. 96-A rates as set forth in Exhibit C attached to the application.

3. Applicant is authorized to file with this Commission, after the effective date of this order and in conformity with General Order No. 96-A, new maps substantially as shown in Exhibits A and B attached to the application.

4. The authorization granted herein will expire unless exercised within 24 months after 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 18th day of AUGUST, 1970.

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Chairman

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Commissioners