

Decision No. 77682

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE }
 AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority } Application No. 52031
 to establish the Heber Special Rate } (Filed July 10, 1970)
 Area in the El Centro Exchange. }

O P I N I O N

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has requested authority to establish the Heber Special Rate Area within the El Centro 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	\$ 9.00*	\$ 9.65
2-Party	6.75*	7.10
Semi-Public	4.50*	5.15
PBX Trunks-flat-each	13.50*	14.15
Suburban	6.25	Not Offered
<u>Residence</u>		
1-Party	4.75*	5.40
2-Party	3.65*	4.00
4-Party	2.95*	3.20
Suburban	3.45*	Not Offered

*Plus Suburban Mileage

Present and proposed rates do not reflect increases requested in Application No. 51774.

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Applicant serves about 15,000 telephones in the El Centro Exchange in Imperial County, California.

The proposed special rate area is located approximately two and one-quarter miles south of the base rate area of the El Centro Exchange. There is public demand for and it is in the public interest to establish the proposed Heber Special Rate Area.

The proposed special rate area is approximately 1.9 square miles in area and presently includes 25 one-party business, 4 two-party business, 2 suburban business, 17 one-party residence, 21 two-party residence, 16 four-party residence and 75 suburban residence telephone services. Development within the proposed special rate area consists of 15 business enterprises, Heber Elementary School, a post office and 200 single family dwellings.

Applicant estimates that the proposed rates, which are the El Centro base rates plus an increment equal to one-quarter mile suburban mileage charge, will decrease the applicant's annual revenues by approximately \$8,000.

The Commission finds that a public hearing is not necessary and that such increases in rates or 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 Heber Special Rate Area.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized to establish the Heber 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 Heber Special Rate Area within the El Centro 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 Heber 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 fifteen months of the effective date of this order.

6. The rates prescribed herein are subject to the disposition of Application No. 51774.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of SEPTEMBER, 1970.

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