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Decision No. 77743

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE)
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority)
to establish Extended Area Service)
between the Exchanges of Canoga Park)
and Simi and to withdraw message toll)
telephone service rates now in effect)
over said routes.)

Application No. 52049
(Filed July 20, 1970)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific), seeks authority to establish extended-area telephone service between its Simi and Canoga Park exchanges, to set rates for said service and to withdraw message toll service between such exchanges.

The interexchange toll mileage over the route is 11 miles and the initial-period day station rate for message toll service is 15 cents.

The Simi exchange has a population of approximately 60,000 and a main station telephone development of about 15,000. A great number of Simi residents work in Canoga Park. Because of the limited shopping facilities available in Simi, a large number of Simi residents look to Canoga Park for purchase of most of their goods and for professional services. Businesses in Simi are primarily of a service nature and look to Canoga Park for their supplies. Presently, over 400 Simi telephone subscribers take Canoga Park Foreign Exchange Service.

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The Canoga Park exchange has a population of approximately 167,000 and a main station development of about 49,000 telephones.

Following numerous inquiries from individuals, business concerns and governmental agencies seeking the extended area service proposed herein, Pacific conducted a customer survey of the area during April 1970. It also made a study of the economic effects of the toll-free calling plan. The results of such survey and economic study are shown in the application and exhibits attached thereto and are convincing that the public interest will be better served under the extended area service plan than under the existing toll-rate plan.

Pacific has served copies of the application on the Boards of Supervisors of Ventura and Los Angeles counties, on the mayors and city attorneys of all cities within the area, on state and federal legislators whose constituents would be affected, and on Chambers of Commerce and other business organizations. In addition a large number of individuals had received explanations of Pacific's proposal. No opposition to the plan has come to the attention of the Commission.

The rates for the proposed service are those authorized by this Commission's Decision No. 77311, in Application No. 51114, issued June 3, 1970. As applied to the Simi and Canoga Park exchanges, they are as follows:

Present and Proposed Monthly Rates for Principal
Classifications of Exchange Service

	Simi		Canoga Park	
	Present	Proposed	Present	Proposed
<u>Business</u>				
Individual Line-Flat	\$ 9.00	\$12.45	\$ -	\$ -
Individual Line-Message	-	-	5.15(80)	5.30(80)
Two-Party Line-Flat	6.75	9.20	-	-
Suburban Line*	6.25	8.10	-	-
PBX Trunk-Flat-Each	13.50	18.50	-	-
PBX Trunk-Message-1st 2	-	-	5.15	5.30
PBX Trunk-Message-Ea. Add'l.	-	-	2.55	2.65
Semi-Public Coin	4.50	6.25	5.15	5.30
<u>Residence</u>				
Individual Line-Flat	4.75	5.55	4.65	4.65
Individual Line-Message	-	-	3.00(60)	3.00(60)
Individual Line-Message	-	-	2.25(30)	2.25(30)
Two-Party Line-Flat	3.65	4.30	3.75#	#
Two-Party Line-Message	-	-	2.75(60)#	#
Two-Party Line-Message	-	-	2.25(30)#	#
Four-Party Line-Flat	2.95	3.65	-	-
PBX Trunk-Flat-Each	-	-	6.95	6.95
Suburban Line*	3.45	4.15	-	-

- Service not offered.

* Services available outside of the base rate area of the exchange.

Residence Two-Party Line Service will be withdrawn on or before December 31, 1971.

() Indicates local message allowance.

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The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

1. Public hearing is not necessary in this matter.
2. The establishment of extended-area telephone service between the Simi and Canoga Park exchanges is in the public interest.
3. Increases in exchange rates as herein authorized are justified.
4. Present exchange rates, insofar as they differ from those herein authorized, will become unjust and unreasonable upon establishment of extended-area telephone service between the affected exchanges.

The Commission concludes that the application herein should be granted. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific) is hereby authorized to establish extended-area telephone service between its Simi and Canoga Park exchanges within 24 months of the effective date of this order.
2. After not less than five days' notice to the public and to this Commission, Pacific shall make effective, in the affected exchanges on the date on which extended-area service is established therein, tariffs revised to reflect the rate changes set forth in Exhibit B attached to the application herein and shall coincidentally

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therewith cancel and withdraw message toll telephone rates in effect between said exchanges.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22d day of SEPTEMBER, 1970.

William L. Stegeman
Chairman

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Commissioners

Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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