

Decision No. 77807

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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 Sly Park Special
Rate Area in the Placerville Exchange

Application No. 52181
(Filed September 3, 1970)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Applicant) has requested, pursuant to Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code of the State of California, authority to establish the Sly Park Special Rate Area in the Placerville Exchange.

Applicant proposes to establish rates without mileage charges for urban grades of telephone service, and to withdraw the suburban service now offered and furnished within the proposed special rate area. A summary of present and proposed special rate area rates follows:

Placerville Exchange
Proposed Sly Park Special Rate Area
Present and Proposed Rates for
Principal Classifications of Exchange Service

<u>Business</u>	<u>Rate Per Month*</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1-Party	\$ 9.00	\$10.95
2-Party	6.75	7.80
Semi-Public	4.50	6.45
PBX Trunks		
Flat Rate - Each	13.50	15.45
Suburban	6.25	-
Farmer Line	2.75	3.05**
<u>Residence</u>		
1-Party	4.75	6.70
2-Party	3.65	4.70
4-Party	2.95	3.70
Suburban	3.45	-
Farmer Line	1.50	1.80**

* Plus suburban mileage charge for urban grades of service located outside base or special rate areas. Suburban service offered outside base or special rate areas only.

** Applicable to service connecting at the special rate area.

NOTE: Present and proposed rates shown above do not reflect increases proposed in the company's Application No. 51774.

The Sly Park Special Rate Area as described in Exhibit B attached to the application covers approximately eight tenths of a square mile in area. It is located approximately eight miles east of the Placerville base rate area and about two miles south of the Camino-Pollock Pines Special Rate Area and will be served from the Niagara Central Office.

Present telephone services within the proposed special rate area are five 1-party business, ten 1-party residence, six 2-party residence, five 4-party residence and 15 suburban residence. Development within the proposed special rate area consists of eight business enterprises and approximately 100 single-family residences.

Sly Park, located in the El Dorado National Forest, is a prime Sierra recreational spot bordering Jenkinson Lake which offers a wide variety of water sports; the area includes a boat ramp, campgrounds, picnic areas and snack bars. Six subdivisions are presently under development in the vicinity. Customers in the area have requested service improvement.

Applicant estimates that the establishment of the Sly Park special rate area will decrease applicant's annual revenues by approximately \$1,200.

Applicant proposes rates for primary urban grades of service within the Sly Park special rate area equivalent to Placerville base rates plus an increment equal to three one-quarter mile suburban mileage charges. 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 Placerville urban service outside the special rate areas or the base rate area at

the rates of a special rate area plus suburban mileage charges to the nearest point on that special rate area boundary or the base rate plus suburban mileage charges to the nearest point on the base rate area boundary, whichever results in the lower charge to the customer. There are 33 urban grade services in the surrounding suburban areas outside of the proposed Sly Park special rate area which would have their mileage charges reduced.

It appears that granting of the application will result in improved service 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 Sly Park special rate area; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized to establish the Sly Park special rate area in the Placerville Exchange.
2. Applicant is authorized to file in conformity with General Order No. 96-A rates for service within the Sly Park 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 said special rate area.

3. Applicant is authorized to withdraw suburban telephone service within the Sly Park 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 Order No. 96-A exchange maps revised to show the Sly Park special rate area within the Placerville 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 14th day of OCTOBER, 1970.

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Chairman

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Commissioners