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Decision No. 78577

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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 Extended Area Service between the San Andreas Exchange and the Angels Camp and Mokelumne Hill Exchanges and to withdraw message toll telephone service rates now in effect between said exchanges.

Application No. 52348  
(Filed December 9, 1970)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific) seeks authority to establish extended-area telephone service (EAS) between its San Andreas exchange and its Angels Camp and Mokelumne Hill exchanges; to establish rates therefor and to withdraw message toll telephone service over the two routes affected.

The specific routes are the following:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Initial Period Toll</u>
San Andreas-Angels Camp	11	15¢
San Andreas-Mokelumne Hill	9	15¢

For unlimited and toll-free calling between these exchanges, Pacific proposes the following flat-rate monthly charges:

Business	<u>RATE PER MONTH</u>		
	<u>San Andreas</u>	<u>Angels Camp</u>	<u>Mokelumne Hill</u>
1-party	\$10.80	\$ 9.60	\$10.20
2-party	8.55	7.35	7.95
Suburban	8.05	6.85	7.45
PBX Trunks	16.00	14.25	15.25
Semipublic Coin	5.50	5.00	5.25
Farmer Line	4.55	3.35	3.95
<b>Residence</b>			
1-party	5.35	4.95	5.15
2-party	4.25	3.85	4.05
4-party	3.55	3.15	3.35
Suburban	4.05	3.65	3.85
Farmer Line	2.10	1.70	1.90

The above rates, which represent maximum increases of \$1.80 for regular non-PBX business and 60¢ for residence services, are based upon the EAS formula established by the Commission in June 1970. They are fair and reasonable for the EAS service proposed herein.

The customer-preference surveys conducted by Pacific show that 84 percent of the business customers and 67 percent of the residence customers fully support the plan. An overall average of 74 percent desire the EAS plan at the above quoted rates.

No specific opposition to the plan has been brought to the attention of the Commission.

The Commission makes the following findings of fact:

1. Public hearing in this matter is unnecessary.
2. The establishment of extended-area telephone service as proposed herein by applicant is in the public interest.

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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 EAS for the affected routes.

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 San Andreas exchange and its Angels Camp and Mokelumne Hill exchanges within 24 months of the effective date of this order.

2. After no less than five days' notice to the public and to this Commission, Pacific shall make effective in the three exchanges on the date on which extended service is established, tariffs revised to reflect the rate changes set forth on Exhibit B attached to the application herein, and shall coincidentally 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 1971.

Chairman

William S. Snow, Jr.

[Signature]

Vernon L. Sturgeon

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Commissioners

-3- Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.