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Decision No. 78655

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 Nicasio Exchange and the)
San Rafael Exchange and to withdraw)
message toll telephone service rates)
now in effect between said exchanges.)

Application No. 52548
(Filed April 12, 1971)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific) seeks authority to establish extended-area telephone service (EAS) between its Nicasio and San Rafael exchanges; to establish rates therefor and to withdraw message toll telephone service over this 12-mile route.

For unlimited and toll-free calling from Nicasio to San Rafael, Pacific proposes the following flat-rate monthly charges:

	<u>Rate per Month</u>	
<u>Business</u>	<u>Present Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
1-party	\$ 9.00	\$13.00
2-party	6.75	9.75
PEX trunks	13.50	19.50
Semipublic coin	4.50	6.50
Suburban	6.25	8.65
<u>Residence</u>		
1-party	4.75	5.75
2-party	3.65	4.50
4-party	2.95	3.85
Suburban	3.45	4.35

The "proposed" rates shown above are based upon the state-wide non-metropolitan EAS rate formula established by the Commission in June 1970. They are fair and reasonable for the EAS service which Pacific proposes herein.

The customer-preference survey conducted by Pacific shows that 83 percent of Nicasio business customers and 90 percent of Nicasio residence customers fully support Pacific's plan. An overall average of 89 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 not necessary.
2. The establishment of extended-area telephone service as proposed herein by Pacific 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 EAS for the Nicasio-San Rafael route.

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 Nicasio and San Rafael 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 Nicasio exchange 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 the Nicasio and San Rafael exchanges.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of MAY, 1971.

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Chairman
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Commissioners