

Decision No. 79088

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority to establish the La Grange Special Rate Area in the Waterford Exchange.

Application No. 52739
(Filed July 9, 1971)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has requested authority to establish the La Grange Special Rate Area within the Waterford Exchange, Stanislaus 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, and to furnish urban service outside the base rate area and the special rate area according to the rules in paragraph V of the application.

	RATE PER MONTH	
	<u>PRESENT*</u> Pursuant to Decision No. 78851	<u>PROPOSED</u> Pursuant to Decision No. 78851
<u>BUSINESS</u>		
1-Party	\$12.50	\$15.75
2-Party	9.50	11.25
Suburban	8.55	Not Offered
PBX Trunks	18.75	22.00
Semipublic	6.25	9.50
Farmer Line	4.00#	4.50##
<u>RESIDENCE</u>		
1-Party	\$ 5.65	\$ 8.90
2-Party	4.95	6.70
4-Party	4.05	5.30
Suburban	4.55	Not Offered
Farmer Line	2.00#	2.50##

* Plus suburban mileage charges for urban grades of service located outside base rate area.

Applicable to service connecting at the base rate area.

Applicable to service connecting at the special rate area.

Above rates reflect Decision No. 78851 rate levels and are subject to refund provisions of said decision. ✓

The special rate area covers approximately 0.14 square miles and consists of 57 residential establishments and 9 businesses, including 2 service stations, a post office, rooming house and a tavern. The main products of the area are cattle and turkeys.

The proposed La Grange special rate area is located fifteen and one-quarter miles east of the base rate area of the Waterford exchange on State Highway 132. It is in the unincorporated area of Stanislaus County.

Applicant proposes rates for primary urban grades of service within the La Grange special rate area equivalent to Waterford base rate area rates plus an increment equal to five-quarter miles suburban mileage charge. 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 the applicant's revenues.

Applicant proposes to furnish Waterford urban service outside the proposed special rate area or the base rate area at the rates of the special rate area plus suburban mileage charges to the nearest point on the special rate area boundary or at base rate area rates plus suburban mileage charges to the nearest point on the base rate area boundary, whichever results in the lower charge to the customer.

Until such time as facilities permit, some 33 deviations will exist within the proposed special rate area. Applicant expects facilities to be available December, 1972.

Provision of urban services in the suburban area of the Waterford exchange surrounding the proposed special rate area will also be temporarily subject to the availability of facilities.

Applicant represents that annual revenues would decrease by about \$800 after normal regrading. It appears that granting the application will result in improved service in the public interest; therefore,

The Commission finds that a public hearing is not necessary and that such increases in rates and 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 La Grange special rate area.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized to establish the La Grange 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 La Grange special rate area within the Waterford 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 La Grange special rate area coincident with establishment of said special rate area.

5. The authorization to establish said special rate area, granted herein, will expire unless exercised within one year of the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of AUGUST, 1974.

[Signature]
Chairman

William J. [Signature]

[Signature]
Hermon L. Sturgeon

[Signature]
Commissioners