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Decision No. 79376

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## HEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of WESTERN CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE COMPANY, a corporation for authority to establish extended service between Kenwood and Santa Rosa exchanges, and to withdraw message toll telephone service rates now in effect between said exchanges.

Application No. 50247 (Filed May 17, 1968)

WESTERN CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE COMPANY, a) corporation,

Complainant,

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THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a corporation

Defendant.

Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the rates, rules, charges, tolls, classifications, contracts, practices, operations, facilities and service of WESTERN CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE COMPANY and THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELECRAPH COMPANY.

Case No. 8844 (Filed October 21, 1968)

Case No. 8866 (Filed November 19, 1968)

## ORDER PERMITTING SUSPENDED RATE INCREASES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE

By Decision No. 79314 dated November 10, 1971, the Commission extended the suspension of rate increases ordered by Decision No. 79039 pending issuance of federal regulations relating to the stabilization of prices and allowable increases in rates after November 13, 1971. Such regulations were issued effective November 14, 1971 (Chapter III, price and Rent Stabilization). The Commission has reviewed its Decision No. 77043 in the above matter and finds and concludes that the increases authorized therein, which were not permitted to go into effect due to Executive Order No. 11615, are consistent with the purposes of the Economic Stabilization Act of 1970, as amended, in that they were authorized for a new and different type of service within the area involved, to wit, extended area service. Applicant and respondent are expected to comply with the

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requirements of the Price Commission's regulations relating to the stabilization of prices and rents after November 13, 1971.

## ORDER

The increases in rates authorized by Decision No. 77043 in the above matters which have been suspended pending issuance of federal regulations may now become effective.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this Did Chairman

Chairman