Decision No. 83293

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a corporation, for authority to increase certain intrastate rates and charges applicable to telephone services furnished within the State of California.

Application No. 53587 (Filed Sept. 19, 1972)

In the Matter of the Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a corporation, for authority to increase certain intrastate rates and charges applicable to telephone services furnished within the State of California.

Application No. 51774 (Filed March 17, 1970)

Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the rates, tolls, rules, charges, operations, separations, practices, contracts, service and facilities of the telephone operations of all the telephone corporations listed in Appendix A, attached thereto.

Case No. 9504 (Filed Jan. 30, 1973)

Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the rates, tolls, rules, charges, operations, separations, practices, contracts, service and facilities of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Case No. 9503 (Filed Jan. 30, 1973)

A-53587 et al.

ORDER DENYING REHEARING AND A STAY

William M. Bennett and Consumers Arise Now (Petitioners) have filed a petition for rehearing and for a stay of Decision No. 83162.

Because of the nature of this particular petition, we find it necessary to point out that there is not one reference therein to the PECOTA in these proceedings, either to the transcript or to the exhibits. Rather, the petition sets forth vague allegations that we ignored the evidence and the record in reaching our decision. The petition also contains no citations to judicial decisions or to decisions issued by regulatory agencies that might assist us in evaluating the assertions of error. Accordingly, we do not believe that the petition may be characterized as a helpful memorandum of points intended to persuade us that we have erred.

On the contrary, the petition is replete with gratuitous allegations and innuendo. We conclude that the petition is basically frivolous.

Despite the impediments we have discerned in this petition, nevertheless we have reviewed all of the allegations contained therein and have concluded that good cause for rehearing and stay have not been shown.

IT IS ORDERED that rehearing and stay of Decision No. 83162 is hereby denied.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of August,

1974.

Commissioners

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