

Decision No. 83374

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application of
CITIZENS UTILITIES COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA,
a corporation, for a Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity to establish a
new exchange to be known as Eagle Lake
Exchange, Lassen County, California.

} Application No. 55002
} (Filed June 28, 1974)
} (Amended August 7, 1974)

OPINION AND ORDER

Citizens Utilities Company of California by the above-entitled application has requested authority to establish a new telephone exchange to be known as Eagle Lake Exchange, and to establish rates, charges, rules, and regulations for telephone service therein. A map of the exchange service area for which the certificate is requested is attached to the application as Exhibit A.

The proposed service will be rendered in an unincorporated, unfiled, and unserved area of Lassen County. Attached to the application as Exhibit H is a letter from Lassen County Environmental Review Committee stating its finding that the establishment of the proposed exchange was determined to have a nonsignificant effect on the environment, and that a Negative Declaration has been issued.

The telephone system as proposed will be effected by establishing exchange and base rate areas, urban and suburban exchange service rates, and installation of an unattended dial exchange office, with operator functions to be performed by existing facilities and personnel at Susanville, California. The Eagle Lake Exchange will be provided with full DDD service via nine toll trunks between Eagle Lake and Susanville. Maps of the proposed base rate and island base rate areas are attached to the application as Exhibit B. The estimated number of permanent and seasonal subscribers and their class and grades of service is shown in Exhibit D attached to the application.

The proposed rates for the Eagle Lake Exchange are shown below and in Exhibit G of the application.

<u>Business</u>	<u>Rate Per Month</u>
Individual Line	\$10.00
Suburban Four-Party Line	8.75
Extension	1.75
<u>Residence</u>	
Individual Line	6.50
Two-Party Line	5.25
Suburban Four-Party Line	5.80
Extension	1.25
Semipublic Telephone Service	.35 minimum charge per day

Though these rates are somewhat higher than rates applicable in most of applicant's exchanges, applicant believes these rates are necessary for the proposed exchange due to the seasonal habitation, the distance from operating headquarters, and the anticipated winter maintenance. Applicant proposes that its other charges, rules, and regulations on file with the Commission, and applicable to its other exchanges, be placed in effect for the Eagle Lake Exchange. The proposed toll rate measuring center for the exchange has the coordinates 7825 vertical and 8506 horizontal.

The applicant's latest available balance sheet as of December 31, 1973, and profit and loss statement for the 12 months' period ending December 31, 1973, are attached to the application as Exhibits E and F, respectively.

Estimated plant investment, revenues, and expenses for the first full year of operation of the proposed Eagle Lake Exchange are shown in Exhibit C of the application. The estimated rate of return for the first full year of operation is 6.5 percent.

The Commission finds that a public hearing is not necessary and that the establishment of the Eagle Lake Exchange is in the public interest; that the rates and charges proposed are justified and will not result in an unreasonable rate of return for the Eagle Lake Exchange; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Citizens Utilities Company of California is authorized to establish the Eagle Lake Exchange as requested in the application.
2. Applicant is authorized to file with this Commission, in conformity with General Order No. 96-A, an exchange map to show Eagle Lake Exchange with base rate and island base rate areas as shown in Exhibits A and B attached to the application.
3. Applicant is authorized to file with this Commission, in conformity with General Order No. 96-A, rates for service within the Eagle Lake Exchange as set forth in Exhibit G attached to the application and as set forth in Section VIII of the application.
4. Applicant is authorized to establish the Eagle Lake Exchange toll rate center as described hereinabove coincident with the establishment of the Eagle Lake Exchange.
5. The authorization to establish the Eagle Lake Exchange granted herein will expire unless exercised within two years of the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of AUGUST, 1974.

Thomas L. Sturgeon
President

William Symons, Jr.

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Commissioners