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Decision No. 83543

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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 tele-) Application No. 55214
phone service rate increases to) (Filed September 30, 1974)
offset increased wage, salary and)
associated expenses.)
_____)

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR INTERIM RATE RELIEF
AND PROVIDING FOR HEARINGS WITH RESPECT TO
APPLICATION TO INCREASE TELEPHONE SERVICE
RATES TO OFFSET INCREASED WAGE, SALARY AND
ASSOCIATED EXPENSES

On September 30, 1974, applicant, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific), filed an application to increase telephone service rates to offset increased wage, salary and associated expenses. As part of its application Pacific has requested interim rate relief. The increased rates would, in accordance with Pacific's application, be subject to refund. The Commission has carefully considered the allegations set forth in Pacific's application for interim rate relief and has concluded that good cause for such relief has not been shown. In this connection it should be noted that Pacific, by virtue of our Decision No. 83162, issued July 23, 1974, was granted substantial general rate relief. The increased rates authorized by Decision No. 83162 became effective August 12, 1974, and are presently being collected by Pacific, conditioned by a partial stay order which provides for possible refunds, issued by the California Supreme Court. Accordingly, the Commission will set this application for public hearing.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Pacific's request for interim rate relief set forth in Application No. 55214 is hereby denied.

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2. Application No. 55214 shall be set for hearing before such Commissioner and/or Examiner and at such time and place as may be hereafter ordered by the Commission.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day
of OCTOBER, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
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Commissioners