

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 83704

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH  
COMPANY,

Complainant,

vs.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMMUNICATIONS  
COMPANY,

Defendant.

Case No. 9728

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE  
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a corporation,  
for authority to revise rates, charges  
and rate structures for intrastate  
voice grade private line services to  
establish a new service offering  
referred to as High Density - Low  
Density Service.

Application No. 54839

In the Matter of the Suspension and  
Investigation on the Commission's Own  
Motion of Tariffs filed under Advice  
Letter No. 1 by Southern Pacific  
Communications Company.

Case No. 9731

Application of SOUTHERN PACIFIC  
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY for a  
certificate of public convenience  
and necessity to operate a tele-  
phone line between San Francisco  
and Los Angeles.

Application No. 55284

ORDER CONSOLIDATING PROCEEDINGS

Case No. 9728, Application No. 54839, and Case No. 9731 all concern various aspects of specialized common carrier communications service within California. These three matters were consolidated by Decision No. 82852 dated May 9, 1974.

In Application No. 55284, Southern Pacific Communications Company (SPCC) asks for the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity to commence intrastate operation of its communication line between San Francisco and Los Angeles, without prejudice to its position taken in Cases Nos. 9728 and 9731 that no such certificate is necessary.

SPCC asks in its application that the Commission either dismiss Application No. 55284 on the ground that no such certificate is required from this Commission, or, in the alternative, that the Commission issue its certificate of public convenience and necessity to allow SPCC to provide microwave point-to-point communications service over its line between San Francisco and Los Angeles and various intermediate points.

Application No. 55284 is accompanied by a motion to dismiss it for the grounds set forth in various briefs SPCC has filed in the remaining above-mentioned matters.

It appearing that certain common issues of law and fact are present in the above-captioned proceedings,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Application No. 55284 is consolidated for hearing with Application No. 54839, Case No. 9728, and Case No. 9731.

2. The dates established at the prehearing conference held on September 6, 1974 regarding Application No. 54839, Case No. 9728, and Case No. 9731 for discovery periods, exchange of exhibits and prepared testimony, and hearings apply to Application No. 55284.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th  
day of NOVEMBER, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
President  
William J. Symons  
Thomas Morale

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Commissioners

Commissioner D. W. Holmes, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Robert E. McDavid, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.