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Decision No. 84047

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE) AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority) to establish One-Way Non-Optional) Extended Service from the Corona) Exchange and to withdraw Message) Toll Telephone Service Rates now) in effect on calls from the Corona) Exchange to the Riverside Exchange) and to Establish Optional Calling) Measured Service from the Riverside) to the Corona Exchange.)

Application No. 55251 (Filed October 16, 1974)

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific) requests authority to establish one-way nonoptional extended service from Pacific's Corona Exchange to Pacific's Riverside Exchange. Pacific also proposes to withdraw message toll telephone service rates now in effect on calls from the Corona Exchange to the Riverside Exchange. Pacific further proposes to establish Optional Calling Measured Service (OCMS) from Pacific's Riverside Exchange to Pacific's Corona Exchange.

The city of Corona is a bedroom community, economically interwoven with the city of Riverside. The base rate areas of Corona and Riverside are coterminous. The developed areas of the two Exchanges have grown together. The Riverside freeway has placed these two cities within minutes of each other.

One-way nonoptional extended service will require all Corona business and residence exchange customers to participate in the service offering. They will be able to make an unlimited number of untimed calls to the Riverside Exchange.

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Optional Calling Measured Service will only be available to Riverside residence customers with one-party service. It would allow these customers to make two hours worth of calls to the Corona Exchange per month between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Any additional time over the two-hour "daytime" allowance would be charged for at \$0.03 per minute. In addition to the two-hour "daytime" allowance, customers could make as many calls as they like and talk as long as they like during the remaining twelve-hour period from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. without charge. The charge for this plan would be \$2.75 per month.

Pacific states that the proposal is responsive to the needs of Pacific's Corona and Riverside Exchange customers, evidenced by customer appeals to the Commission, to Pacific, and substantiated by statistical data.

Pacific has submitted the results of a customer survey which is hereby received in evidence as Exhibit No. 1. The results of this survey are as follows:

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Residence	75%
Business	88%
Overall	81%

Pacific states that a high volume of calling from the Corona Exchange to the Riverside Exchange substantiates the need for one-way nonoptional extended service. A lesser volume of calling from the Riverside Exchange to the Corona Exchange substantiates the need for OCMS to Corona. The average number of calls per month per subscriber account are as follows:

Toll Call Route	Business	Residence
Corona to Riverside	16.23	5.29
Riverside to Corona	4.95	1.05

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The toll route between Corona and Riverside is fifteen inter-exchange toll miles and has a \$0.20 initial period day station toll rate.

Pacific contends that the 767 Riverside foreign exchange services in Corona further substantiate the need for one-way nonoptional extended service from Corona to Riverside. There are 186 Corona services in the Riverside Exchange. Pacific does not propose to withdraw its Corona or Riverside foreign exchange offerings if this proposal is authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission.

Pacific proposes the rates and allowances shown in Exhibit B to the application for OCMS from Pacific's Riverside Exchange to its Corona Exchange.

Pacific proposes the rate increments shown in Exhibit C to the application for one-way nonoptional extended service from the Corona Exchange to the Riverside Exchange. These increments are the so-called Salinas increments, authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission in Decision No. 77311. The basic proposed increase for a Corona business primary service is \$1.80 per month and for residence service, \$0.60 per month.

Gross construction cost to Pacific for providing the proposed one-way nonoptional extended service amounts to \$245,000. This cost includes both central office and outside plant additions. There are no construction costs associated with providing the proposed OCMS.

It is Pacific's belief that establishing one-way nonoptional service from Pacific's Corona Exchange to its Riverside Exchange and OCMS from Riverside to Corona will better meet the customers' calling requirements.

Pacific's request is reasonable and is in the public interest. Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on October 17, 1974. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

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IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized within eighteen months of the effective date of this order to:

- a. Introduce one-way nonoptional extended service from Pacific's Corona Exchange to its Riverside Exchange.
- Initiate OCMS from Pacific's Riverside Exchange to Corona.
- c. Attach all the same conditions and requirements for one-way nonoptional and OCMS service ordered in Decisions Nos. 81767, 82390, 81670, and 83405 to this authorization.
- d. Cancel and withdraw message toll telephone rates in Pacific's Corona Exchange for calls to its Riverside Exchange.

2. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized to adopt the rates and allowances shown in Exhibit B to the application for Optional Calling Message Service from the Riverside Exchange to the Corona Exchange. A. 55251 JR

3. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized to charge the rate increments shown in Exhibit C to the application for one-way nonoptional extended service from the Corona Exchange to the Riverside Exchange.

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

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