Decision No. 84940_



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE) AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a corporation,) for a permanent tariff covering the) offering of 801A Dial PBX Service.)

Application No. 55575 (Filed March 20, 1975)

INTERIM OPINION

By this application The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific) seeks authority to file a permanent tariff covering the offering of 801A Dial PBX Service.

Since February 1973, the 801A has been available to business customers as a contract offering at rates and charges equivalent to those found in Schedule California PUC No. 12-T. Each of these contracts has been filed with the Commission and each contains a provision that the contract will terminate upon the effective date of a tariff filed with and authorized by the Commission.

There have been no protests received on this application.

Pacific's proposed tariff, Exhibit F, attached to the application, will effect decreases of some contract monthly rates and increase others. The net result of these changes will be to decrease the annual charges of the total customer group by approximately \$210. Pacific expects that additional business will result in additional annual revenues of approximately \$95,000.

We find that it is in the public interest to have this offering available under the tariffs. However, reliable cost support for tariff items is not available.

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In view of the short time in which the systems have been in service, tracking data should be collected and reports submitted quarterly, to determine if the rates and charges are compensatory. An interim ex parte order will give time to collect and analyze this data before a permanent tariff is approved.

INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized to file with this Commission after the effective date of this order, in conformity with General Order No. 96-A, a provisional tariff schedule identical to Exhibit F attached to Application No. 55575. The duration of the provisional tariff shall be eighteen months unless extended or modified by the Commission.

2. Pacific shall notify its customers and prospective customers of the temporary nature of the authorized tariff.

3. Pacific shall initiate forthwith an improved cost tracking procedure which will provide data on individual rate items for the 801A system. An acceptable plan shall be filed with the Commission by October 31, 1975. A summary of the collected data shall be filed with the Commission at the end of every quarter; the first such summary is to be filed for the quarter ending on December 31, 1975. The detailed form and content of the summaries and tracking data shall be in a form acceptable to the Commission staff.

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4. Pacific shall furnish the Commission suitable summarized data on equipment component costs provided by suppliers to it and other Bell Telephone System operating telephone utilities in other states obtained from published catalogs and invoices. In addition, for each tariff item Pacific is ordered to furnish an estimate of manufacturing costs of production according to the best available information.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof. Dated at <u>San Francisco</u>, California, this <u>30Uh</u> day of <u>SEPTEMBER</u>, 1975.

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