

Decision No. 86248

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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 telephone
service rate increases to cover
increased costs in providing telephone
service.

Application No. 55492

Investigation on the Commission's own
motion into the rates, tolls, rules,
charges, operations, costs, separations
inter-company settlements, contracts,
service, and facilities of THE PACIFIC
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY a
California corporation; and of all the
telephone corporations listed in
Appendix A, attached hereto.

Case No. 10001

SECOND INTERIM OPINION

In Decision No. 83162 dated July 23, 1974 (Application No. 53587), we authorized The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific) to adopt single message rate timing (SMRT) in five minute intervals for local calls, for both business and residence service. The decision did not impose any specific schedule for the commencement of SMRT, and because of the cost of equipment, Pacific has been phasing in SMRT gradually.

Exhibit 80 in this proceeding shows the areas where SMRT is already in effect, and the tentative dates for commencing it elsewhere, as follows:

THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY
SINGLE MESSAGE RATE TIMING
IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

<u>Subarea</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Orange County	3-29-76
East Bay portion of San Francisco- East Bay Extended Area	3-29-76
San Diego	6-28-76
West Bay portion of San Francisco- East Bay Extended Area	8-22-76*
Outlying portions of Los Angeles Extended Area (Subareas 2 and 3)	10-4-76*
Central portion of Los Angeles Extended Area (Subarea 1)	4-4-77*

* Tentative dates.

We are at present considering whether our previous order regarding implementation of SMRT for residential service should be modified, and expect to issue an interim order on this subject within the next few weeks. We believe that in order to prevent unnecessary expense, and also to eliminate possible confusion regarding billing in an area such as the West Bay portion of the San Francisco-East Bay Extended Area, scheduled for SMRT on August 22, 1976, we should order that no further implementation of residential SMRT occur until our further order.

SECOND INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company shall not institute single message rate timing for residential telephone service in any areas other than those where it is in operation as of the effective date of this order, pending our further order on this subject.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of AUGUST, 1976.

I dissent. this is another example of doing a half way job as the majority so of the order.

William L. Young

Commissioner

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President

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Robert Bateman
Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.