

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 86953

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 offset
increased wage, salary and associated
expenses.

Application No. 55214

Investigation on the Commission's own
motion into the rates, tolls, rules,
charges, operations, costs, separa-
tions, 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. 9832

ORDER REOPENING APPLICATION NO.
55214 AND CASE NO. 9832

On December 30, 1975, we issued Decision No. 85287 which authorized a \$65.2 million rate increase for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. In response to the city of San Diego's petition for rehearing we granted limited rehearing by Decision No. 85557 dated March 9, 1976. On October 26, 1976, we affirmed our ratemaking treatment for the revenues in question, as adopted in Decision No. 85287. On November 24, 1976, the city of San Diego filed a petition for writ of review with the California Supreme Court, and answers to San Diego's petition were filed by Pacific and the Commission.

Upon review of the filed briefs and Supreme Court pleadings we have cause to question whether our ratemaking treatment of single message rate timing (SMRT) and classified directory advertising revenues as adopted in Decision No. 85287, and affirmed in

A.55214, C.9832 kd

Decision No. 86541, was proper. Therefore, pursuant to Section 1708 of the Public Utilities Code, we are reopening this proceeding for reconsideration. We invite all parties to this proceeding to file further briefs within thirty days of the effective date of this order on the limited issues on rehearing as defined in Decision No. 85557. Sufficient evidence was adduced during original hearings, and during rehearing, that no further hearings are necessary.

Since this matter is now before the Supreme Court, we hereby direct our General Counsel to notify the Court of this decision and request that the Court hold the matter in abeyance pending our further consideration.

IT IS ORDERED that Application No. 55214 and Case No. 9832 are reopened for the limited purpose of receiving additional briefs on the issues on rehearing as set out in Decision No. 85557. Briefs will be accepted no later than thirty days from the date of this order.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Diego, California, this 24th day of FEBRUARY, 1977.

Robert B. Baker
President
William J. ...
Terrence L. ...
Arthur ...
Michael D. ...
Commissioners