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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Leroy Walton and
Rolland Page for Coeur D'Alene
Estates (Request for a variance
from Rule 15 and 16 to allow over-
head lines for Coeur D'Alene Estates.)

Application No. 57600
(Filed October 3, 1977)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants Leroy Walton and Rolland Page request an exemption from the mandatory undergrounding of telephone line extensions in Coeur D'Alene Estates, Shasta County.

Applicants allege that electric service to Coeur D'Alene Estates will be provided by Shasta Dam Area Public Utility District (SDAPUD), which agency does not come under the jurisdiction of this Commission. Applicant further alleges that the SDAPUD plans to provide electric service by means of overhead extensions and has no objection to the joint use of its poles for both electric and telephone lines.

Telephone service to Coeur D'Alene Estates will be provided by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific). Rules Nos. 15 and 16 of Pacific's tariffs provide that only underground line extensions and service connections will be constructed to and within new residential subdivisions, but also provide for exemptions from the mandatory undergrounding with specific Commission approval. Pacific does not oppose the subdividers' request for deviation from undergrounding requirements.

A similar request was considered by this Commission in Application No. 53541 filed August 23, 1972 and approved in Decision No. 80634 dated October 17, 1972. This decision approved the use of overhead construction by Pacific along a SDAPUD pole line in a similar subdivision.

The Commission finds that the deviation is reasonable and concludes that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized to use overhead construction for those portions of its facilities to be installed in Coeur D'Alene Estates, Shasta County, where the comparable portion of the electric system is to be constructed overhead.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of NOVEMBER, 1977.

I abstain
Clair J. Detrich

Robert B. Berman
President
William J. Sproul, Jr.
Vernon A. Shilman
Richard D. Smith

Commissioners