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Decision No. 88659 APR 4 1978

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITY OF PALMDALE, a
Municipal Corporation,

Complainant,

vs.

GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF
CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC TELEPHONE,

Defendants.

Case No. 10117
(Filed June 8, 1976)

MRS. BEVERLY BAILEY and the
attached Signatories,

Complainants,

vs.

THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE and
TELEGRAPH COMPANY,

Defendant.

Case No. 10121
(Filed June 11, 1976)

MR. DON D. SIMPSON and the
attached Signatories,

Complainants

vs.

GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY
OF CALIFORNIA,

Defendant.

Case No. 10183
(Filed September 29, 1976)

Investigation on the Commission's
own motion into the rates, rules,
charges, tolls, classification,
contracts, practices, operations,
facilities, and service of The
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph
Company and General Telephone
Company of California.

Case No. 10264
(Filed February 23, 1977)

ORDER MODIFYING DECISION NO. 87970

By petition filed February 7, 1978, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific) requests this Commission to modify certain Ordering Paragraphs of its Decision No. 87970 which was issued on October 12, 1977, in Cases Nos. 10117, 10121, 10183, and 10264. These cases, three formal complaints and an investigation on this Commission's own motion, involved the telephone serving arrangements provided by Pacific and General Telephone Company of California (General) in the area known as Antelope Valley. Decision No. 87970, issued after public hearing, ordered Pacific and General to revise their serving arrangements to provide, among other service improvements, various optional and non-optional extended area services (EAS) between the localities in the Antelope Valley. Pacific is now before us to request modifications of our Ordering Paragraphs 1, 2, 5 and 6 of Decision No. 87970 which would not diminish the telephone service improvements that were ordered by this Commission for the Antelope Valley, but would in Pacific's case assertedly reduce the administrative burden imposed upon Pacific by that decision.

Ordering Paragraph 1 requires the introduction of two-way non-optional EAS between the Lancaster exchange and the Palmdale District Area (DA) and the Acton DA which are to be established in the Palmdale exchange.

Ordering Paragraph 2 requires the realignment of the Newhall and Palmdale common exchange boundary and the establishment of DA's in those exchanges including the Acton DA.

Ordering Paragraph 5 requires the establishment of Optional Calling Measured Service (OCMS) on a two-year trial basis from the Acton DA to the Santa Clarita Valley DA and specifies that the offering be consistent with Finding 26 of the Opinion which is restated below:

The Acton DA is to be established for the express purpose of offering OCMS from the Acton DA to the Santa Clarita Valley DA. In other respects, the Acton DA should be treated as though it were in the Palmdale DA. It should have the same local calling area, including EAS to Lancaster, as the Palmdale DA and the present toll rate center for the Palmdale exchange should be the toll rate center for the Acton DA.

Ordering Paragraph 6 requires Pacific to submit in triplicate a written summary of service data and costs for the first 18 months of the two-year offering for the OCMS routes authorized in Decision No. 87970.

Pacific request modification of Ordering Paragraphs 1, 2, and 5 to be relieved of its obligation to establish the Acton DA as specified in the Order "for the express purpose of establishing OCMS from the Acton DA to the Santa Clarita Valley DA". Pacific asserts that there are no other district areas in Pacific's serving territory established for the sole purpose of providing OCMS while in all other respects considered as though part of another district area. Pacific proposes that Decision No. 87970 be modified to the extent that the area to be established as the Acton DA be included in the Palmdale DA and that the entire Palmdale DA receive OCMS to the Santa Clarita Valley DA.

This modification would not result in any change in rates for OCMS for the Acton Area in that Decision No. 87970 specifies that the Acton DA toll rate center be that of the Palmdale exchange. Pacific's proposal would provide a better level of service to Palmdale DA subscribers by offering to them OCMS to the Santa Clarita Valley DA which was not previously authorized.

Pacific asserts this proposed modification will alleviate tariff administration problems associated with the implementation of the Acton DA including tariff revisions in several of Pacific's tariff schedules. In addition this proposed modification will eliminate the need for a number change for certain Acton subscribers and the costs associated with the Palmdale central office rearrangements to accommodate this number change.

Pacific also proposes that the Commission rescind Ordering Paragraph 6. At the time Decision No. 87970 was issued, OCMS was an experimental service offered under a provisional tariff and authorized by the Commission only on a trial basis. The Commission when authorizing OCMS in the past ordered various studies to be made to evaluate the effect of the experimental offering. However, on December 29, 1977, Pacific filed its Advice Letter No. 12608 seeking authority to establish a permanent OCMS offering with rates based on results of studies made on the various previously authorized experimental OCMS routes. Authorization was granted by Resolution No. T-9750, and the permanent OCMS tariff became effective February 1, 1978. Pacific asserts the permanent OCMS tariff negates the need for the reporting requirement included in Ordering Paragraph 6 of Decision No. 87970.

Conclusion

Pacific proposes by petition that Decision No. 87970 be modified to relieve Pacific of some of the administrative burden imposed upon Pacific by Ordering Paragraphs 1, 2, 5, and 6 and that it be authorized to establish OCMS from the Palmdale DA to the Santa Clarita Valley DA. The proposed modifications do not cause any service heretofore authorized to be withdrawn nor increase any rate or charge for services previously authorized. The proposed modifications would result in improved service to Pacific's subscribers and reduce Pacific's administrative burden; therefore the Petition should be granted. Because of the order which follows Findings Nos. 3b, 12, 19, and 26 of Decision No. 87970 insofar as they refer to the Acton DA become moot as does Finding No. 27 in its entirety. A public hearing on this Petition is not necessary; good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED, that Decision No. 87970 shall be modified:

1. Ordering Paragraph 1 shall be revised to read as follows:

1. General Telephone Company of California (General) and The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific) shall implement two-way, non-optional EAS between the Lancaster exchange, on the one hand, and the Palmdale DA to be established in the Palmdale exchange, on the other hand. General shall also implement one-way non-optional EAS from its Lake Hughes exchange to its Lancaster exchange. These serving arrangements shall be implemented using the appropriate EAS increment in effect at the time the serving arrangements are placed in operation. These new serving arrangements shall be placed in service not later than two years after the effective date of this order.

2. Ordering Paragraph 2 shall be revised to read as follows:

2. Pacific shall realign, consistent with Finding 13 above, the boundary between its Newhall and Palmdale exchanges to transfer the Green Valley area to the Palmdale exchange and shall establish the Santa Clarita Valley DA and the Castaic DA in the Newhall exchange and the Leona Valley - Green Valley DA, the Agua Dulce DA, and the Palmdale DA in the Palmdale exchange.

3. Ordering Paragraph 5 shall be revised to read as follows:

5. Pacific shall establish, consistent with Finding 23 above, an SRA in the Acton area and offer OCMS from the Palmdale DA to the Santa Clarita Valley DA. These serving arrangements shall be implemented using the appropriate rates in effect at the time the serving arrangements are placed in operation. The serving arrangements shall be placed in effect not later than two years after the effective date of this order.

4. Ordering Paragraph 6 is hereby rescinded.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th day of APRIL, 1978.

Robert Batimanch
President
William Aguero Jr
Veronica L. Strigina
Robert D. Howell
Carrie J. Debrich
Commissioners