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Decision No.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE) AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority to consolidate its Emigrant Gap and Alta Exchanges; eliminate the over and under 40-mile toll rating point of the Emigrant Gap Exchange, and reestablish the present Emigrant Gap base rate area of the Emigrant Gap Exchange as an island base rate in the Alta Exchange.

Application No. 57941

## ORDER EXTENDING TIME

On June 30, 1978, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (petitioner) filed a petition for extension of time to comply with the provisions of Decision No. 88867, dated May 31, 1978, authorizing Pacific to consolidate its Alta and Emigrant Gap Exchanges.

Petitioner alleges that in its original application it requested 18 months to carry out the proposed consolidation. Ordering Faragraph No. 6, however, states:

6. The authorization granted herein shall expire unless exercised within 12 months of this order.

Petitioner states that the technical and engineering work required to carry out the authorized changes will require in excess of 12 months but will have to be completed to coincide with the distribution of the October 1979 issue of the affected communities' directory.

The Commission finds the petitioner's request reasonable and in the public interest and concludes that it should be granted.

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IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Ordering Paragraph No. 6 of Decision No. 88867 be modified to read as follows:

6. The authorization granted herein shall expire unless exercised on or before October 1, 1979.

2. In all other respects Decision No. 88867 shall remain in full force and effect.

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

	Dated at	San Francisco	, California, this <u>12 ncl</u>
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Commissioners

Commissioner Richard D. Gravello, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Claire T. Dedrick, being necessarily absent. did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.