

Telephone company requests hike to cover expenses

The need for adequate earnings on Texas investment was the major factor in Southwestern Bell's request for \$47.5 million in new rates, filed recently with the Texas Public Utility Commission. The request represents an overall increase of 13.4 percent in statewide revenues.

The company is seeking the increase "to assure our continuing ability to provide quality telephone service in Texas," said Paul Roth, vice president, revenues and public affairs. He pointed out that the revenue need stems from continuing cost in-

creases, changes in rules on depreciation and other capital expenses, and general growth in the state.

"We must have adequate earnings on our Texas investment," Roth said. "Yet, the rates in effect today do not even produce the 11.79 percent return authorized by the Public Utility Commission. We're earning only 9.27 percent on our investment, which is far below our real need."

The company is asking for a return of 13.09 percent on Texas investment. "We've increased sales, we've improved productivity, and we've worked at

holding down expenses," Roth said. "However, continued cost increases impact our cost of doing business. And recent regulatory changes by the Federal Communications Commission require speed-up recovery of expenses for depreciation and other dollars invested in equipment and facilities."

The new rates proposed in Southwestern Bell's request center in two areas:

- Increasing charges for services where current rates are below cost.
- Seeking to recover expenses from customers who directly benefit from a service.

"Today's telecommunications environment requires us to price each category of service more nearly in line with the cost of the service," Roth said.

Increases in rates for:

- An increase of \$4.60 per month for one-party residential service.
- Increases in one-party business rates ranging from \$1.55 in Houston to \$6.55 in smallest cities and towns.
- A decrease from 10 to 3 in the monthly allowance of calls to Directory Assistance. Calls over 3 each month will be billed at 25 cents each.
- A \$6 charge to cover the expense of handling disallowed calls.
- A statewide increase of \$45 million in rates for private line service.
- Increases in rates for

average, the monthly cost of providing local residential service is about twice the basic monthly rate we receive for the service."

Substantial increases are proposed in rates for multi-line business service in order to bring the rates closer to their costs, Roth said.

He noted that customer checks which are returned unpaid create administrative expense for Southwestern Bell just like any

other company. "We've always absorbed that expense in the overall cost of doing business. But in fairness, that cost should be paid by the customer whose check doesn't clear."

Roth said: "The disallowed check charge probably will produce about \$1.3 million per year in revenues to help cover the costs."

"Private line rates have been priced well below cost for many years," Roth said. "Just as we've done in the past, we're seeking to reprice these rates more nearly in line with the cost of providing the service."

"We know full well that rate increases are not popular," Roth said. "We make every effort to improve earnings without new rates. But we come to a point where a rate increase is the only choice. We're at that point now."

Sheriff's Report

A Weekly Report

COLORADO COUNTY

by Sheriff Jim Broussard

Summer vacations here

Summer vacations are here again and many people will be out swimming. We urge you to use precautions. Never go swimming alone, always have a companion with you in the event you have problems. Also you should never go swimming right after you eat. Enjoy your vacation, but use caution and prevent a tragedy.

June 14: Assisted a stranded motorist on IH-10. Removed livestock from the roadway on 109. Assisted with traffic at the scene of a grass fire near Mentz. Checked on a suspicious subject near Borden. Assisted Weimar police in serving a felony warrant. Issued 10 traffic citations and served eight civil citations.

June 15: Investigated a stolen vehicle in Altair. Vehicle was recovered. Investigated a disturbance

near Altair. Checked on a airplane landing on a closed runway near Columbus. Assisted in looking for a subject wanted for theft of services in La Grange. Assisted with traffic at the scene of an accident near Rock Island. Checked on a suspicious vehicle at 949 and IH-10. Had Grand Jury. Had District court. Had County court. Issued 12 traffic citations and served two civil citations.

June 18: Investigated a burglary in Altair. Transported a mental patient to Waco. Assisted in moving heavy equipment at 71 and IH-10. Assisted with a funeral procession in Columbus. Recovered stolen welding machine near Rock Island. Assisted Columbus police with a prowler investigation. Assisted in transporting a subject to the Columbus hospital.

Issued 10 traffic citations and served five civil citations.

June 19: Assisted with a minor accident near Eagle Lake. Investigated reported gun shots in the Rock Island area. Assisted with stalled traffic at 71 and 90 in Columbus. Issued one traffic citation and served two civil citations.

June 20: Assisted stranded motorist in Columbus. Removed livestock from the roadway near Garwood. Investigated vandalism of mail boxes in Waco. Investigated a disturbance in Rock Island. Issued five traffic citations.

Jim Broussard, Sheriff
232-2888 and 732-2535
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Man found dead in his backyard by police

A 65-year-old man was found dead lying on the ground by the back door of his home Sunday by police responding to a call from a neighbor.

Felix Gonzales, Jr. was pronounced dead from natural causes by Justice of the Peace M. Jones. A resident of 111 E. State St., Eagle Lake, Gonzales was last seen about 3 p.m. June 16 by neighbor Penny Castillo who had helped him home, according to a police report.

Funeral services were held Monday at the graveside.

A worried relative, inquiring if anyone had seen

him, led a neighbor to call the police. A basket of foodstuff was found on his front porch. Judge Jones indicated the food had been there several days.

Castillo called police at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, and Sgt. Gil Steen and reserve officer Dan Easter responded.

Jones said death apparently occurred about 4 or 5 p.m. June 16.

Funeral services were conducted Monday by Father Edward Geiser at Lakeside Cemetery.

Born August 1, 1916, near La Grange, Texas, he was a son of the late Cruz Perez and Felix Gonzales, Sr. He lived most of his life in Eagle Lake, working on farms. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include the widow, Ruth Jenkins Gonzales of Eagle Lake; three sisters, Teofila Sanchez of East Bernard, Lela Mongia of Hartford, Texas, and Martina Garcia of Houston; six brothers, Pancho and Tony Gonzales of San Antonio, and Paul, Marcos, Lalo and Willie Gonzales of Eagle Lake, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was under the direction of Mill-Bauer Funeral Home. Nephews served as pallbearers.

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GARWOOD AND NADA COMMUNITY NEWS

MRS. J. F. STRUSKA - 758-3362

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Lopez and son, Justin, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Barnett of Port Lavaca were weekend guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Roy Shoop.

Mrs. R. B. Shaw of Garwood, Mrs. Drake and Mrs. Ann Stafford of Wharton attended the Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention in Austin last Friday. Mrs. Shaw was one of the persons who had been a member for 50 years and for this she received a gold Delta Kappa Gamma necklace at the banquet. They enjoyed the convention very much.

Mrs. Herman Trammell spent the past weekend in Huntsville as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Trammell and son, Dennis. She also visited in Jasper with friends.

Mary Horn and Raymond Horn of Houston, Mrs. Marjorie Blackhill of Jumburg, New Jersey and Mrs. G. K. Jackson of Port Lavaca.

Mr. and Mrs. John

Scott Wohl of Hollywood, Florida visited Mrs. R. B. Shaw Saturday morning and had dinner with Mrs. Shaw. Mrs. Wohl and her family visited other friends here.

Mrs. Blackhill is the former Marjorie Horn who grew up here. She married Harold Blackhill and they moved to New Jersey where their four children grew up. Skip, Don, Peg and Tom. Mr. Blackhill celebrated his 25th year as pastor of the Jamesburg Presbyterian Church this year. He and his wife have been leaders in their community. Their children are all married and have eight grandchildren. Mrs. Shaw taught Mrs. Blackhill in the first grade.

Mrs. Roy Shoop's Saturday evening dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Neil Shoop and son, Nicky, of Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Robinson and children, Rachel and David of Little Rock, Arkansas and Mrs. G. K. Jackson of Port Lavaca.

Mr. and Mrs. John

Struska and family, Jack, Allen, Ben and Dana Struska and a friend, Phil Harris of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Martin and baby, Misty, of Allen spent the weekend with Mrs. Ella Struska and at the deer camp.

My deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of Mrs. Adolph (Justina) Korenek who passed away after a long illness. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Nada and burial also at Nada. Mrs. Korenek was loved by all who knew her and will be missed in this community.

My sympathy also goes out to the family and relatives of Leo Hoffman who passed away after a long illness. He too will be missed by family and friends.

A large number of relatives and friends attended the 60th anniversary of Sister Anselma as a nun in San Antonio last week. While there Lawrence Boenisch became sick but reports he is doing much better.

Lifelong Nada resident, Leo Hoffman, passes away June 18

Last rites for Leo Alfons Hoffman, age 65, a lifelong resident of Nada, were held Monday morning, June 21 at 10 o'clock in St. Mary's Catholic Church. Bishop Hugo Gerbert officiated at the High Mass sung by St. Mary's Choir. The body laid in state at Triska Funeral Home in El Campo until services Monday.

Hoffman passed away Friday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Gulf Coast Medical Center at Wharton following failing health the past six months.

Serving as pallbearers were Ron Pruett, Fred Kubesch, Jr., Raymond Korenek, Edward Korenek, Gilbert Saha and Darby Hoffman.

Leo Alfons was born on October 14, 1916 in Nada to Mary Stavinocha and Method Hoffman, Sr. On October 28, 1947 in Nada he and Miss Angeline Kubesch were united in marriage.

He was preceded in

death by his father in 1969 and a brother, Walter Hoffman, in 1977.

Survivors include: his widow, Angeline Hoffman of Nada; his mother, Mrs. Mary Hoffman of Hillje; four daughters, Cathy Socha of El Campo, Lucille Gory of Port Lavaca and Edith Popp of Louise; nine grandchildren, Corey, Amy and Dana Leopold of Nada, Ashley and Hank Crank of Garwood, Ronnie and Brooke Meitzen of Austin, and NaShay and Jennifer Bram of Danevang; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives; and a host of friends.

The retired farmer was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the KJ.T. Society and had served as

SHERIDAN NEWS

Phone 234-3988

By Velma Kutzner

Barbours on Father's Day

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sonntag, and sons entertained family and friends with a barbecue noon meal on Father's Day. Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hinz of Madisonville, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hinz and children of Nolville, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hinz and son of Gonzales, Mr. and Mrs. John Alford and children of East Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Fuller of Sheridan and Scott Hinz who is spending two weeks with the Sonntags.

The Sonntags extend an invitation to stop and shop at "Sonny's Firework Stand" near their home. Opening date is June 24.

Guests in the Gilbert Hollub home during the past weekend were: Mr. and Mrs. Case Hollub of Eagle Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Hollub of Austin and Mrs. Janice Wimberly of Lockhart.

Mrs. Baker spent some time this week in Houston with the Don Waddell family. Mrs. Sadie Waddell who has been ill is to return to Sheridan with Mrs. New to continue recuperating.

40th Wedding Anniversary
A large group of friends and family attended the 40th Wedding Anniversary celebration held for Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Botard Saturday afternoon. A complete writeup and picture will be printed in the next issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davidson and children of Edna spent Father's Day weekend here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cousins. I had a very pleasant surprise Monday when Mrs. Reinhardt of Odum came for a visit. The

Reinhardt's resided in Sheridan approximately 13 years before moving to Odum one year ago. She receives the Headlight in Odum and looks forward to news from "home" each week. We enjoyed the afternoon "catching up" and the time passed much too quickly.

Congratulations to Mrs. W. C. Benner who was honored Sunday on her 90th birthday. Approximately 50 relatives enjoyed a barbecue meal in the Sheridan Community Center from 12 until 2 p.m. From 2 until 5 p.m., friends stopped by extending birthday wishes and gifts to the honoree.

Colors of peach and beige were carried throughout the hall in the napkins, plates, cups and centerpiece for the refreshment table. Cake was served by Mrs. Lucille Ross. Mrs. Mary Ashley poured the punch and Melissa Ross and Diann Swearingen opened the many lovely gifts.

Received new flags
Once again the Chestnut Cemetery has received new flags on all of the Veterans' graves. For the past several years Herbert Kincheol has voluntarily placed those flags on the graves doing this through his V.F.W. Post in Highlands, where he and his wife Kay are active members. Kay is active with the Ladies Auxiliary. They will both be attending a convention in Dallas soon. A very special thank you is extended to Herbie and Kay for giving so unselfishly of their time.

Later Monday word was received that Mrs. Carroll, mother of Mrs. Jewell

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It is expected that the requested rate schedule will furnish a 13.4 percent increase in the company's intrastate revenues.

A complete copy of the new rate schedule is on file with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and with each affected municipality served by Southwestern Bell, and is available for inspection in each of the company's public business offices in Texas. The Commission staff has contended in the past that all rates are subject to change as a result of Southwestern Bell's rate application.

Notice to El Paso Area Customers

Effective January 1, 1982, Southwestern Bell adopted the Mountain States tariffs in effect for El Paso County. Southwestern Bell proposes to merge the separate El Paso tariffs with its tariffs applicable to the rest of Texas. The resulting new rate schedule is on file with the PUC and the El Paso area municipalities served by Southwestern Bell, and is available for inspection at our El Paso business office.

Notice to Customers of Other Telephone Companies

The filing includes, but is not limited to, proposals to increase rates for interexchange private line and foreign exchange (FX) service. Changes in such rates would also affect customers of other telephone companies because such companies provide interexchange private line and foreign exchange service in accordance with rates specified in Southwestern Bell's tariffs. While Southwestern Bell has proposed no increase in long distance rates, any change in those rates would also affect customers of other telephone companies.

Aviso Público

Southwestern Bell, en conformidad a las reglas de la Public Utility Commission (Comisión de Servicios Públicos) de Texas, por la presente hace saber su intención de establecer un nuevo arancel para servicio de teléfono en Texas con vigencia a partir del 27 de julio, 1982, a menos que la Comisión haga otra determinación.

Se espera que el nuevo arancel que se ha solicitado reducirá un aumento de 13.4 por ciento en los ingresos intraestatales de la compañía.

Una copia completa del nuevo arancel se ha archivado en las oficinas del Public Utility Commission en Austin, Texas, al igual que en cada municipalidad afectada y servida por Southwestern Bell, y cada una de las oficinas de la compañía para negocios con el público en Texas tiene una copia para lectura pública. En el pasado, la Comisión ha sostenido que toda tarifa está sujeta a cambios que resulten de la manera en la cual Southwestern Bell aplique sus tarifas.

Aviso a Clientes en la Región de El Paso
Con vigencia a partir del 1 de enero de 1982, Southwestern Bell ha adoptado las tarifas de Mountain States efectivas en el condado de El Paso. Southwestern Bell propone unir las tarifas de El Paso con sus otras tarifas que se aplican al resto de Texas. El nuevo arancel que resulta de esta unión se ha archivado en la Comisión de Servicios Públicos (Public Utility Commission), al igual que en las municipalidades de la región de El Paso servidas por Southwestern Bell, y está disponible para inspección pública en nuestras oficinas de El Paso.

Aviso a los Clientes de Otras Compañías de Teléfono

El registro incluye, pero no se limita a, propuestas para aumentar las tarifas para servicio de línea privada entre centrales telefónicas (interexchange private line) y servicio de central telefónica extranjera (foreign exchange FX). Cambios en dichas tarifas de servicio también afectarían a clientes de otras compañías de teléfono porque dichas compañías proveen los servicios ya mencionados en conformidad a tarifas especificadas por Southwestern Bell. Aunque Southwestern Bell no ha propuesto un aumento en las tarifas para larga distancia, cualquier cambio en las mismas también afectarían a los clientes de otras compañías de teléfono.



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LISSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lissie, Texas Rev. Wm. Covillion, Pastor Sunday: Church School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 11 AM Youth Fellowship 6 PM Evening Worship 6 PM	LEHNER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Garwood, Texas Louis Sterling, Pastor 9:45 AM Sunday Church School 11:00 AM Morning Worship	GETTSEMANI BAPTIST MISSION Rogelio Rodriguez, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 AM Preaching Services 11 AM and 6:30 PM Wednesdays: Prayer Service 7:30 PM Chair Practice 8:30 PM Nursery facilities open!	CHURCH OF CHRIST Sheridan, Texas Sunday Services: Morning Services 11 AM Bible Services 10 AM Evening Worship 6 PM
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