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Up and down Bell changes rates

DALLAS (AP) — Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. announced Thursday a restructure of its long distance calls within Texas, including the reduction of the initial period from three minutes to one minute for direct-dialed calls.

The WATS Wide Area Telephone Service within Texas also will be restructured.

The moves are to produce about \$45 million in additional revenues, which amounts to \$22.4 million after taxes or 2.8 per cent of the company's total operating revenues in Texas, Bell said.

The telephone company said the new schedule "can result in considerable savings to many customers."

Bell does not have to seek approval of these new rates since Texas has no statewide utilities regulatory body.

Company spokesman Jim Pattillo said, however, the legislature has the authority to regulate such rates and from time to time has studied such rate increases.

Charles Marshall, vice president

for Southwestern Bell in Texas said "One-Plus customer dialed long distance calls within Texas are of two-minutes or less duration and these customers will experience a cost reduction of these calls."

Rate increases will be effected on all customer-dialed calls lasting longer than two minutes, as well as on all operator-handled and person to person calls. In addition the three-minute initial time period will remain on these types of calls.

Bell said three-minute calls will increase in costs from five cents to 50 cents depending on the distances involved.

The company said standard discounts will apply to all customer-dialed calls placed during the evening, nights and on weekends.

Marshall said the increase in pricing would probably meet with some disfavor, which may be amplified by litigation in San Antonio.

"We recognize this," Marshall said. "But we also recognize that the demand for good telephone service doesn't cease because of un-

ported allegations or a lawsuit. These things don't dilute our commitment to serve well, nor the demand for dollars and plant to do so.

Marshall said the new Texas rates are generally in line with 16 other states that already have adopted such schedules or have them pending.

He said the total expenses of the company's operations in Texas have increased 20 per cent since the last intrastate increase in September 1973. Wages are up \$139 million, or 34 per cent, and taxes have increased \$54 million or 24 per cent. Examples of the old three-minute minimum compared with the new one-minute include:

Dallas to Longview, 76 cents to 36 cents; Fort Worth to Houston, 93 cents to 43 cents; El Paso to Dallas, .10 to .48 cents.

Some typical three-minute, customer-dialed daytime call increases are: Dallas to El Paso, \$1.10 to \$1.28; San Antonio to Waco, 82 cents to \$1.

Bulletin board

TODAY

ACCOUNTING SOCIETY AND ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT present a program on opportunities in oil and gas exploration at 7:30 p.m. in room 225 of the MSC. Atlantic Richfield accountant Chuck Johnson will speak.

TAE KWON DO KARATE will hold late registration from 5 to 8 p.m. in Rm. 226 or G. Rolfe White.

RECREATION AND PARKS WIVES CLUB will hold a get acquainted party at 7:30 p.m. in the R-F lounge of Goodwin Hall.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING hosts T. H. Meadows of Exxon U.S.A. speaking on "Petroleum Production Engineering" at 10 a.m. in room 203 of Zachry Engineering Center.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING hosts T. A. Clinkscale of Exxon U.S.A. speaking on "Energy Conservation by Computer Control" at 3 p.m. in room 102 of Zachry.

PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM featuring Dr. Haruo Kojima of the University of California at San Diego speaking on "Superfluid Density of ³He in Restricted and Open Superfluid Geometries" at 4 p.m. in room 146 of the Physics Building.

MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 228 of the MSC. Pictures for the Aggeland will be taken, and Dr. Jamil Ahmed will speak.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION holds a free coffee in the International Corner of the Old Exchange Store Lounge from 10:30 a.m. till noon. Everyone is welcome.

MONDAY

OCEANOGRAPHY SEMINAR with Dr. A.F. Spillans speaking on "Geo-art from Plutonic Solids to Plate Tectonics" at 3:30 p.m. in Rm. 112 of the O & M building.

SCUBA CLUB holds a film festival at 6:30 in the MSC Theater. Admission is \$1 and there will be a door prize.

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS will have its picture taken in Zachry at 7:30 p.m.

CAMERA COMMITTEE meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Rm. 301 of Rudder Tower.

TUESDAY

BIO-ENGINEERING SEMINAR featuring Dr. Andre Adamski from 4 to 5 p.m. in room 104 of Zachry Engineering Center. The seminar is a "Introduction to Medicine for Bio-Engineers"

PANHANDLE HOMETOWN CLUB meets in MSC Rm. 229 at 7:30 p.m.

AVMA AUXILIARY will hold elections in Rm. 224 of the Vet School at 7:30 p.m.

AGRONOMY SOCIETY meets at 7:15 p.m. in Rm. 105 Agronomy Bldg.

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT holds a seminar from 3:30 to 5 p.m. featuring Charles Harper, paper on expectations and polynomial distributed lags.

PHI SIGMA BETA meets in Rudder Tower Rm. 311 at 7:30 p.m.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METALS will hold a picture taken in the Zachry third floor lounge 6:25 p.m.

RODEO CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Aggeland Industries Bldg.

WHEELMEN to hold a meeting in Rm. 220 MSC at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

STUDENTS INTERNATIONAL MEDITATION SOCIETY to have an introductory lecture at 7:30 p.m. in Library Rm. 226.

EL PASO HOMETOWN CLUB meeting in Rudder Tower Rm. 404 at 7:30 p.m.

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS in Rm. 74 Zachry at 5 p.m. An officers meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in Rm. 53.

AC COMMUNICATORS picture will be taken at 7:15 by the MSC Fountain.

PRE VET SOCIETY will show "Covenant" in Zachry at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

TAMU VETERANS ORGANIZATION meets in MSC Rm. 225 at 7 p.m.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METALS meets in Zachry Rm. 203 at 7 p.m.

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Patman against loan bill Opposed by Bryan's Moore

AUSTIN (AP) — His colleagues overwhelmingly rejected Sen. Bill Patman's attempt Thursday to buy time to arouse public opinion against a bill Patman claims will impose on Texans the highest legal interest rates in the nation.

"Of all the loan shark bills," said Patman, D-Ganado, "this is the granddaddy of them all."

It is sponsored by Sen. W. T. "Bill" Moore, D-Bryan, chairman of the powerful State Affairs Committee.

Patman tried unsuccessfully to switch the bill from the Economic Development Committee, which

has scheduled a hearing for Monday morning, to the Human Resources Committee of which Patman is a member.

His motion failed, 4-25.

Had it passed, Patman probably would have had more time to build his case and undoubtedly could have counted on the support on committee of Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, former president of the Texas Consumer Association.

Patman's brief speech criticizing the bill — "The interest charges are beyond imagination" — was interrupted five times by Moore, who repeatedly asked Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby to tell Patman to quit talking, and three times by Sen. Don Adams, D-Jasper.

Moore insisted that Patman's motion to re-fer the bill, which was sent to the Economic Development Committee by Hobby, was not a debatable motion. Hobby agreed but said Patman should be allowed to explain the reasons for his motion.

Patman said the bill will raise the amount on which interest rates higher than 10 per cent may be charged from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Loans up to \$500 would carry interest charges of approximately 36 per cent, Patman said.

This means, he said, "If you are paying off a note, the last payment you make will be at the highest possible rate."

"It's a little early for demagoguery on the floor of the Senate," protested Moore.

Creighton said the bill "rightly belonged" in his committee, and he pledged a "full, fair and complete hearing."

Later Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, chairman of the Human Resources Committee fumed, "Patman tried to put it (the bill) in my committee over my objections — I don't want it."

"All that talk for the weekend newspapers," said Moore.

Bentsen poses alternatives to gas price hike

Gasoline allocations and higher taxes on new automobiles that don't meet gas mileage standards are alternatives to raising the price of gas and oil suggested by U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas.

Bentsen, in a public statement issued this week, also suggested the continued enforcement of the 55 miles per hour national speed limit as a "relatively painless step that still has significant effects on our total energy consumption."

Long-range remedies for the energy shortage supported by Bentsen are the study of alternative sources of energy and the replacement of energy imports with increased domestic production.

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Energy from sea termed possible

DALLAS (AP) — A power plant using sea water to generate energy could be built off the Texas coast for an initial cost of \$245 million, say three engineers on Gov. Briscoe's energy advisory council.

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supplied by making use of the thermal differences between warm surface water and cold water at 1,800-foot depths.

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APPLICATION DATE	POSITION
Mon., Jan. 20 - Wed., Jan. 29	Applications for President
Mon., Jan. 20 - Fri., Feb. 7	Applications for all remaining positions
Thurs., Jan. 30	Interviews for President
Mon., Feb. 3	Election of President by Council
Tues., Feb. 11 and Thurs., Feb. 13	Interviews for Council Officers
Tues., Feb. 18 thru Thurs., Feb. 20	Interviews for Committee Chairmen for Aggie Cinema — Free U
Tues., Feb. 25 and Thurs., Feb. 27	Interviews for Committee Chairmen for Great Issues — Travel
Mon., Mar. 3	Election of everybody at Council meeting