

Alaska Phone Rates to Be Reduced Soon

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—Alaskans will soon benefit from changes in time periods during which reduced rates will be in effect on long distant calls between Alaska and the southern 48 states as well as on calls within Alaska.

Colonel A. V. Smith, commander of the Air Force's Alaska Communication System has announced that the periods during which lower rates apply will be extended.

The new rate periods will become effective Nov. 1, 1967 and will correspond with those recently filed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company with the Federal Communications Commission.

Between Alaska and the other states (except Hawaii), the new station-to-station, Monday through Friday rate periods will be: day, 7 A.M. to 5 P.M.; evening, 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.; and night, 7 P.M. to 7 A.M., the night station-to-station rates will also apply all day Saturday, Sunday, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Present station-to-station rate periods are: day, 4:30 A.M. to 6 P.M. Monday through Friday; evening, 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. Monday through Friday, and 4:30 A.M. to 8 P.M. Saturday; night, 8 P.M. to 4:30 A.M., Monday through Saturday and all day Sunday.

For "stateside" person-to-person calls the night rate period will be from 5 P.M. to 7 A.M. compared with 6 P.M. to 4:30 A.M. at present, with a resulting reduction in the hours daytime rates will apply.

Night person-to-person rates, which now apply on Sunday, Christmas and New Year's Day, will be extended to include Saturday.

Because of the time zone differential, Col. Smith pointed out that the extension of the night rate period will be of distinct benefit to Alaskans since it will be possible to place a call from Alaska before 7 A.M. at the lowest rate levels and reach persons in other states during their normal business hours.

For example, a three-minute call made between 4:30 and 7 in the morning from central Alaska to California, now costing \$5.50 for station-to-station service, will be only \$3.75, and the present \$9.00 charge for a three-minute person-to-person call will be reduced.

Likewise, calls from Southeastern Alaska to California on a station-to-station basis will be reduced from \$4.50 to \$2.75, and person-to-person calls from \$7.50 to \$6.25.

The intrastate night rate period will be 5 P.M. to 7 A.M. Monday through Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday. Day rates will apply between 7 A.M. and 5 P.M. Monday through Friday. The present rate periods will be continued on calls between Alaska and Canada.



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