

Decision No. 12892

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the reasonable-
ness and adequacy of service
rendered by the Southern California
Telephone Company.

Case No. 1531

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H. D. Pillsbury, Arthur Wright and
James T. Shaw, for Southern
California Telephone Company.
Jess E. Stephens and H. Z. Osborne, Jr.,
for City of Los Angeles.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

This is a proceeding instituted on the initiative of the Commission for the purpose of determining whether the rules, regulations, practices, equipment, appliances, facilities or service of Southern California Telephone Company are unjust, unreasonable, improper, inadequate or insufficient and, if so, to determine just, reasonable, proper and adequate rules, practices and methods to be observed by Southern California Telephone Company.

Public hearings were held in this matter in the City of Los Angeles on February 14 and 15, 1921, before Commissioner H. W. Brundige and former Commissioner Chester H. Rowell.

Subsequent to the institution of this proceeding, the City of Los Angeles filed an Application No. 8145, alleging

that the service rendered by the Southern California Telephone Company was not normal and was undependable, and that the service, at the time of the filing of the application in August 1922, was much worse than at the time of the hearings in the above entitled proceedings, and that the service did not justify the rates heretofore fixed by this Commission.

As a result of this Commission's investigations of the service conditions and rate matters in connection with Application No. 8145, it was found that service to existing subscribers was not satisfactory and that there was a relatively large number of applicants waiting for new telephone service. In view of these findings, this Commission, in its Decision No. 12733, dated October 23, 1923, in Application No. 8145, made certain orders relative to the improvement of service, the supplying of the demands for telephone service, rules and regulations governing service and allowances to subscribers for interruption to service.

The matters involved in Application No. 8145 overlap and duplicate, in many instances, the matters involved in the above entitled application. In view of this condition and the orders already made by this Commission in Decision No. 12733, in Application No. 8145, it appears that the questions raised in the above entitled proceeding have been decided and, therefore, this proceeding should now be dismissed.

O R D E R

The Railroad Commission having instituted a proceeding on its own motion for the purpose of determining whether the rules, regulations, practices, equipment, appliances, facilities or service of Southern California Telephone Company are unjust,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this proceeding be, and the same is, hereby dismissed.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10
day of December, 1923.

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H. B. Bunting
Young Martin
Egerton Shore
J. T. Whitney
 Commissioners.