

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation on
the Commission's own motion regarding
the adequacy of telephone service ren-
dered by Southwestern Home Telephone
Company in the town of Murrieta, River-
side County, California.

Case No. 1953

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Earl D. Finch, for Southwestern Home
Telephone Company.
M. M. Winslow and S. E. Provolt, for
California Farm Bureau.
Hugo Guenther, for Murrieta Hot Springs.
J. L. Adams, for The Pacific Telephone
and Telegraph Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is a proceeding instituted by the Commission upon its own motion requiring the Southwestern Home Telephone Company to show cause why it should not establish an exchange and render telephone service in the town of Murrieta and adjacent territory, and to charge for such service the rates now in effect for similar service in other places served by Southwestern Home Telephone Company. A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Williams in the town of Murrieta on November 1, 1923.

Murrieta is a town of approximately 200 inhabitants, located approximately 11 miles south of the town of Elsinore. At present, the only telephone service available in Murrieta is a toll station operated by the Southwestern Home Telephone Company in conjunction with the toll lines of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. The Commission's investigation shows that there are approximately 25 subscribers now desiring service. The Southwestern Home Telephone Company stipulated, at the hearing, that there did exist a demand for telephone service in Murrieta and that it is willing to establish an exchange at Murrieta under such rates as the Commission might fix in this proceeding.

Southwestern Home Telephone Company stated that although it believed the rates for Murrieta service should be fixed to give it an eight per cent return upon the investment of the plant required to render service in Murrieta, yet it believed that such rates would be so high that the development which should logically result would not be obtained. In view of this, the Company further stated that it would be willing to submit a schedule based upon the Elsinore rates, as previously suggested by the Commission, with the exception of that rate applicable to eight-party service within Block 1. These rates appear to this Commission to be reasonable and the order following will provide that they be made effective for the exchange service to be rendered at Murrieta.

It was brought out at the hearing that Southwestern Home Telephone Company had made certain tentative propositions to the people of Murrieta, quoting them certain rates somewhat lower than the rates now being charged for service in Elsinore. If, at any time in the future, Southwestern Home Telephone Company believes that it can better serve the community by the establishment of lower rates than those set forth in the order following, the Company may file such rates with the Railroad Commission.

O R D E R

The Railroad Commission having instituted a proceeding on its own motion requiring Southwestern Home Telephone Company to show cause why it should not establish an exchange and render telephone service in the town of Murrieta and adjacent territory, and charge for said service the rates now in effect for similar service in other places served by Southwestern Home Telephone Company; a public hearing having been held; the matter having been submitted and now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY FINDS AS A FACT that there is a demand for telephone service in the town of Murrieta; that the Southwestern Home Telephone Company should establish an

exchange at that place and charge for said service the rates as herein set forth, which are the rates for similar service now in effect in other places served by Southwestern Home Telephone Company.

Basing its order on the foregoing finding of fact and the findings of fact set forth in the opinion preceding this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southwestern Home Telephone Company shall,

- (1) Establish a magneto exchange in the town of Murrieta.
- (2) Commence work on the establishment of the exchange in the town of Murrieta within thirty (30) days from the date of this order.
- (3) Notify this Commission within thirty-five (35) days of the date of this order, relative to its compliance with the order in Section (2) above.
- (4) Be in a position to render telephone service, covered by the rates hereinafter set forth, to applicants for service, within ninety (90) days of the date of this order.
- (5) Notify this Commission within five (5) days after being ready to render service, as required under Section (4) above.
- (6) Charge and collect the following rates for service rendered in the town of Murrieta and adjacent territory:

(a) Exchange Service

<u>Rate</u>	<u>Monthly Charge for Wall Sets per Station</u>	
	<u>Business Service</u>	<u>Residence Service</u>
<u>Block 1</u>		
Individual Line	\$ 3.50	\$ 2.75
Four-party Line	3.00	2.25
<u>Block 2</u>		
Eight-party Line	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.25

(b) Pay Stations

Local Service from Pay Stations 5¢ per call

(c) Mileage

The above individual line rates are based on a distance of one-half mile from the central office. Rates for individual line service beyond a distance of one-half mile from the central office shall be the individual line rate plus a mileage charge of 50¢ for each one-quarter mile or fraction thereof per month. Distances are air line and not circuit mileage, measured from the nearest point on the one-half mile circle.

Rates for four-party line service in Block 2 will be the rates for that service in Block 1, plus a mileage charge of 25¢ for each one-quarter mile or fraction thereof per month per station. Distances are air line and not circuit mileage, measured from the nearest point of the boundary of Block 1.

(d) Discounts

Allowed on gross rates (if paid before the 10th in advance)	\$.25
If paid quarterly in advance (before the 10th, the 1st month of the quarter, Jan., Apr., July and Oct.)	1.00
If paid annually in advance	4.50

(e) Auxiliary Apparatus

Desk telephones, per month additional	\$.25 net
Extension desk telephone, per month	1.00 "
Extension wall telephone, per month	.75 "
Extension bell, per month	.25 "
Insertion in Directory; Extra insertion of names in Directory of members of same firm or family, per month	.35 "
Second Party use of telephone, in same place of business, per month	1.00 "

(7) Establish exchange boundaries as set forth in its Exhibit No. 3.

(8) File with the Commission the above rates and charges and maps showing the exchange boundaries, as required by General Order No. 68, within thirty (30) days of the date of this order.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st
day of December, 1923.

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J. T. Whittney
Commissioners.