

Decision No. 14235

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
J. J. BECKER, on behalf of all per-
sons interested for a change in the
franchise boundary line of The Pacific
Telephone and Telegraph Company and
the Kerman Telephone Company.

Application No. 10,443

ORIGINAL

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT

WHEREAS, J. J. Becker, having made complaint to this Commission requesting a modification in the location of the eastern boundary line of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's Fresno Exchange Area, and

WHEREAS, this matter was fully considered in Application No. 8813, in which proceeding this Commission made its Decision No. 12398, dated July 27, 1923, and in its Opinion in that Decision stated:

"On March 16, 1923, Kerman Telephone Company in Application No. 8813 made application for authority to extend its lines and service into Biola and surrounding territory. In this application Kerman Telephone Company alleged that owing to the satisfactory telephone service then being furnished by it to subscribers in the Biola territory a change in sentiment had taken place and Biola subscribers were then generally satisfied with their service. This improvement in service was accounted for by the fact that the previous overloading of the lines to Biola had been relieved by the building of new circuits. Accompanying the Application was a petition with some one hundred twenty-six signatures of residents of the Kerman and Biola districts requesting that the matter of the Biola service be reopened with the idea of keeping the district under one exchange. Petitions

were received from both the Kerman Chamber of Commerce and Biola Chamber of Commerce in which the Commission was requested to reopen the matter of the Biola service and to allow Kerman Telephone Company to render service throughout both towns and the surrounding community.

"A public hearing in this matter was held in Kerman on May 9, 1923. Much publicity had been given the notice of the hearing so that all those interested in the matter could be present and be heard, if they so desired. Numerous witnesses from both Biola and Kerman districts testified and all expressed the same desire that the entire Kerman and Biola district be served from the one exchange. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company stated that the entire territory of Biola, Kerman and vicinity should be served as one district and that the boundary line between this district and the exchange districts of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company should be established as Dickinson Avenue south from the San Joaquin River. No protest was made against the granting of the certificate to Kerman Telephone Company."

and

WHEREAS, no good cause appearing for again considering this matter in formal hearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the complaint herein be, and it is, hereby dismissed.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of November, 1924.

C. Seavey
H. B. Brundige

J. T. Whittney
Commissioners.