

Decision No. 17233.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
the BUTTE VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY
for permission to turn over its tele-
phone line from Farmer Hill to Sam's
Neck and from Farmer Hill north to
S. L. Varnum's ranch to the patrons
and subscribers on said line.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 12923.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

In this application Butte Valley Telephone Company asks permission to convey a portion of its telephone plant to a group of its patrons and subscribers. The property for which authority to transfer is desired is a suburban telephone line generally known and referred to as the Sam's Neck line and more particularly described as consisting of eighteen (18) miles of No. 10 and two (2) miles of No. 12 B.W.G. galvanized iron wire supported by trees and some six hundred (600) juniper poles of an average length, each, of twenty-one (21) feet; the line extends to the west from the town of Dorris to Sam's Neck and the R. L. Varnum ranch, all in Siskiyou County, California. An exhibit, purporting to show the signatures of each and every subscriber served by the line considered, was attached to the application in this matter. The sale price was declared in the application to be One Dollar (\$1.00).

It appears that Butte Valley Telephone Company desires to

dispose of this line in order to be relieved of its maintenance, which, on account of the length of the line, is proportionately high. Butte Valley Telephone Company does not now have a rate in effect covering switching service furnished to subscriber-owned lines, but proposes, in connection with another proceeding at present pending before this Commission, to charge and collect a rate of Nine Dollars (\$9.00) per year per station for this service. The application of the proposed rate to the station which Butte Valley Telephone Company desires to transfer would result in a substantial reduction in charges to the subscribers affected, who at present are billed by the Company at the rate of Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) per year per station.

The Railroad Commission has considered the above facts and is of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary; that the interests of the subscribers of Butte Valley Telephone Company may be better served as a result of this transfer, and that this request should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Butte Valley Telephone Company be and it is hereby authorized to sell and transfer to those patrons and subscribers whose names appear in Exhibit "A" attached to the application in this proceeding for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the telephone line known as the Sam's Neck line, including the complete line with wire and poles and all existing appurtenances thereto, extending from Farmer Hill to Sam's Neck and from Farmer Hill to the R. L. Varnum Ranch and wire only for connection of the above line to the Butte Valley Company's system at the town limits of Dorris, California, comprising a total of eighteen (18) miles of No. 10 and two (2) miles of No. 12 B.W.G. galvanized iron wire, six hundred (600), more or less, juniper poles and thirteen (13) magneto telephone instruments.

The authority herein contained is granted upon the follow-

ing conditions:

(1) Nothing herein contained shall be construed in any proceeding before this Commission or any other tribunal or public body as a finding of value of said property herein described.

(2) The authority to sell said property herein given shall apply only to such sale as shall have been made on or before October 1, 1926.

(3) Within thirty (30) days after said sale shall have been made, the seller, Butte Valley Telephone Company, shall report that fact in writing to this Commission together with the date upon which the transfer was completed, and shall, at the same time, file with the Railroad Commission a copy of transfer by which title of said property was conveyed to the purchasers.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of August, 1926.

H. B. Brundage

C. Leary

Leon A. White

W. S. Rautin

Commissioners.