

Decision No. 17539.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
VOLCANO TELEPHONE COMPANY, Unin-
corporated, for an Order of the
Railroad Commission of the State of
California authorizing the filing of
Rules and Regulations relating to
Service Connection Charges, Restora-
tion Charges, Moves and Changes, Toll
and Telegraph Rates.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 11645.

A. L. Wilson for Applicant.
L. M. Brown for The Pacific Telephone and
Telegraph Company.

WEITSELL, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

This is an application of Joseph Lagomarsino, doing business under the name and style of Volcano Telephone Company, hereinafter referred to as applicant, in which request is made of the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the filing and making effective of rules and regulations relating to service connection and restoration charges, moves and changes and certain rates for telephone toll and telegraph service. A public hearing was held on this application in Volcano on April 23, 1926.

Applicant is engaged in a general telephone business in the town of Volcano and operates toll lines in contiguous territory in Amador and Calaveras Counties, connecting at Jackson and Mokelumne Hill with the lines of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Request is made for authority to file and make effective rules and regulations relating to service connection, restoration

and moves and changes charges similar to those specified in this Commission's Decision No. 8146 (18 C.R.C. 912) and Decision No. 13478 (24 C.R.C. 854). Such rules and regulations are generally effective in this state and, there appearing no good reason why applicant should not file and make effective similar rules, the order following will so provide.

Applicant asks for an order to make effective certain toll rates set forth in the application. It appears that toll rates effective for applicant's service prior to the period of Federal control of telephone and telegraph systems, August 1, 1918 to July 31, 1919, differ from certain rates placed in effect during that period and which are in some respects different from rates in effect at this time and from those proposed at the hearing. The evidence indicates that Jackson is the connecting point to the toll lines of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for calls to and from Pine Grove, Volcano, Cooks Station and West Point and that Mokolunne Hill is the similar connecting point for calls to and from Rich Gulch, Glencoe and Railroad Flat, a toll station.

Applicant requested, at the hearing, permission to amend the application to request that the toll charges for messages between points on applicant's system and points on The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's system would include applicant's rates as, so called, "other line charges" in addition to the rates to or from points on The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's lines to Jackson and Mokolunne Hill and replace air-line rates established during Federal control.

It appears that the evidence submitted is not sufficient to show that the revenues of applicant would not be increased to

such an extent that an unreasonably high return on his investment would be secured if "other line" charges were authorized as requested; therefore, the request will be denied.

Contractual relations, subject to the approval of the Railroad Commission, should be entered into by applicant and The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company relative to a division of toll revenues involving both companies.

It is the desire of applicant to file and place in effect telegraph rates, between Jackson or Mokolumne Hill and stations on applicant's system, of thirty cents (30¢) for a ten-word telegram with additional words at two and one-half cents (2½¢) each, forty-five cents (45¢) for each day letter of fifty (50) words with an additional charge of nine cents (9¢) for each additional ten words and thirty cents (30¢) for each night letter of fifty (50) words with an additional charge of six cents (6¢) for each additional ten words. There appears no good reason why these telegraph rates should not be filed and made effective.

Applicant, at the hearing, also asked for authority to establish a charge of five cents (5¢) for each local exchange message from public pay stations to any subscriber's station in his exchange, exclusive of toll stations. Such a rate is consistent with the regular practice and the order following will so provide.

I recommend the following form of order:

ORDER

Joseph Lagomarsino, doing business under the name and style of Volcano Telephone Company having made application to the Railroad Commission for authority to file and make effective rules and regulations relative to service connection and restoration, move and change charges and for certain toll, and telegraph rates

and a charge of five cents (5¢) for each local exchange telephone message from public pay stations to subscribers' stations except toll stations, a public hearing having been held, the Railroad Commission having fully considered all evidence in the proceeding and the matter being under submission and ready for decision:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Joseph Lagomarsino, doing business under the name and style of Volcano Telephone Company, be and he is hereby authorized to file with this Commission, on or before December 10, 1926, effective January 1, 1927:

1. The rule and regulation relating to service connection and restoration charges as set forth in "Exhibit A", attached hereto;

2. The rule and regulation relating to moves and changes charges as set forth in "Exhibit B", attached hereto;

3. Rates for toll telephone service as set forth in "Exhibit C", attached hereto;

4. Rates for telegraph service as set forth in "Exhibit B", attached hereto;

5. A rate of five cents (5¢) for each local exchange telephone message made from public pay stations to subscribers' stations in his exchange, except toll stations;

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and

ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission
of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day
of October, 1926.

H. H. Brundage
C. C. Leary
Edward J. ...
Leon Whitell

Commissioners.

EXHIBIT "A"

A. Service Connection Charges:

Service connection charges provided for hereinunder are payable at the time application for the particular service or facility is made, and are in addition to the regular schedule of rates.

Service connection charges apply to all exchange service and facilities, except farmer line service, in accordance with the following provisions:

	<u>Service Connection Charges</u>
1. New Service:	
Party Lines:	
Business and Residence, each station,	\$3.50
2. Additional Service:	
Party Lines:	
Business and Residence, each station,	\$3.50
3. Service Where Instrumentalities are Already in Place on Subscriber's Premises and no Change in Type or Location of Facilities is Involved:	
Business and Residence, subscribers' exchange service and facilities, all types, except farmer line service, one or more units,	\$1.50

A change in location or type of facilities made at subscriber's request is subject to the charges for Moves and Changes, provided the total charges shall not exceed the charges for the initial establishment of the subscriber's complete service and facilities.

Service connection charges do not apply under the following conditions:

Business Service:

- (a) When service is assumed by a receiver or trustee, executor or administrator of an estate.
- (b) Change in name of the business concern (i.e. individual, partnership, syndicate or corporation) when there is no complete change in ownership or management.

Residence Service:

- (a) When service is assumed by a member of the former subscriber's family located in the same premises.

EXHIBIT "A" (CONTINUED)

- (b) When there is no change in the individuality of the recipient.
- (c) When the subscriber's name has been changed by marriage or Court order.

B. Service Charge for Restoration of Service:

A service charge of \$1.00 may be made and collected by the Company before the restoration of service where service has been temporarily discontinued for any of the following reasons:

- (a) Non-payment of bills as required by these Rules and Regulations.
- (b) To protect the Company against fraud.
- (c) For failure of subscriber to comply with the Company's Rules and Regulations after service has been established.
- (d) For any other reason for which subscriber is responsible, except a change in class, type or grade of service or location of facilities.

When a service has been permanently disconnected, the above charge does not apply.

EXHIBIT "B"

MOVES AND CHANGES

Moves and changes of telephone apparatus and wiring on the subscriber's premises, at the request of the subscriber, will be made by the company, and, the charges for such work will be as follows:

A. Telephone Sets.

1. Moving from one location to another - - \$3.00
2. Change in type or style - - - - - 3.00

C. Other Equipment and Wiring.

Charges for moving or changing equipment or wiring, other than that included under "A" above, will be an amount equal to the actual cost of labor and material involved.

D. Maintenance.

The charges specified above do not apply if the changes or moves are initiated by the Telephone Company and required for the proper maintenance of the equipment or service.

E. Change in Class of Service.

The charges specified above do not apply if the changes are required because of a change in the type, class or grade of service.

EXHIBIT "C"

TOLL SERVICE SCHEDULE.

Applicable to Station-to-Station, Person-to-Person, Appointment and Messenger calls between the points listed below.

The initial period rate applicable to Station-to-station, Person-to-Person, Appointment and Messenger calls, Report Charges, initial period, overtime period and overtime rates are shown by the following table:

<u>Between</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>Completed Station-to- Station Calls</u>	<u>Completed Person-to- Person Calls</u>	<u>Completed Appt. and Mess. Calls</u>	<u>Report Charges</u>
Cook's Station	Jackson,	#.30(3).05(1)	#.40(3).05(1)	#.45(3).05(1)	#.10
	Pine Grove,		*.25(3).05(1)		
	Railroad Flat,		*.30(3).05(1)		
	Volcano,		*.25(3).05(1)		
	West Point,		*.25(3).05(1)		
	Mokelumne Hill,	##.35(3).05(1)	##.45(3).05(1)		
Pine Grove	Cook's Station,		*.25(3).05(1)		
	Jackson,	.10(5).05(3)	.15(3).05(1)	.20(3).05(1)	.05
	Railroad Flat,		*.25(3).05(1)		
	Volcano,		*.15(3).05(1)		
	West Point,		*.25(3).05(1)		
	Mokelumne Hill,	.15(5).05(2)	.20(3).05(1)		
Railroad Flat	Cook's Station,		*.30(3).05(1)		
	Mokelumne Hill,	.15(5).05(2)	.20(3).05(1)	.20(3).05(1)	.05
	Pine Grove,		*.25(3).05(1)		
	Volcano,		*.25(3).05(1)		
	West Point,		*.15(3).05(1)		
	Jackson,	.15(5).05(2)	.20(3).05(1)		
Volcano	Cook's Station		*.25(3).05(1)		
	Jackson,	.10(5).05(3)	.15(3).05(1)	.20(3).05(1)	.05
	Pine Grove,		*.15(3).05(1)		
	Railroad Flat,		*.25(3).05(1)		
	West Point,		*.25(3).05(1)		
	Mokelumne Hill,	.15(5).05(2)	.20(3).05(1)		
West Point	Cook's Station		*.25(3).05(1)		
	Jackson,	.15(5).05(2)	.20(3).05(1)	.25(3).05(1)	.10
	Mokelumne Hill,	.15(5).05(2)	.20(3).05(1)	.20(3).05(1)	.05
	Pine Grove,		*.25(3).05(1)		
	Railroad Flat,		*.15(3).05(1)		
	Volcano,		*.25(3).05(1)		

Non-subscribers charged full rate, subscribers charged the rate between Volcano and Jackson.

New subscribers charged full rates, subscribers charged the rate between Volcano and Mokelumne Hill.

* Applicable only to non-subscribers. No toll is charged to subscribers between any of these points. Rates are based on Person-to-Person calls.

Rates not preceded by an asterisk apply to subscribers as well as non-subscribers.

Rates to Points on Other Companies' Lines:

The rates for any of the classes of toll service specified herein, between toll points on the lines of Volcano Telephone Company and toll points on the lines of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and connecting companies, are the through rates quoted by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

EXHIBIT "D"

TELEGRAPH RATE SCHEDULE.

1. Telegrams:

First ten (10) words or less, \$.30
Each additional word,025

2. Day Letters:

First fifty (50) words or less, \$.45
Each additional ten (10) words or less . . .09

3. Night Letters:

First fifty (50) words or less, \$.30
Each additional ten (10) words or less, . . .06

Above rates are applicable to service between either Jackson or Mokolunne Hill and any one of the following points: Volcano, Cook's Station, Pine Grove, Railroad Flat and West Point.

Messages of the above specified classes will be accepted for transmission to points on the lines of connecting Companies. The charges applicable to such messages are composed of the rates quoted by the connecting company from the connecting point to such points in addition to the rates of the Volcano Telephone Company as shown above.