

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 17690.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
G. W. BANDY of Kernville, California,
for an order authorizing routing of
toll messages to Isabella, Weldon,
Glennville and Onyx via Isabella.

Application No. 12,979.

G. W. Bandy, in propria persona.
L. M. Brown, for The Pacific Telephone
and Telegraph Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application, G. W. Bandy, hereinafter referred to as the applicant, asks the Railroad Commission to make its Order authorizing the routing of messages originating at stations on The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's lines and destined to Glennville, Weldon, Onyx and Isabella, by way of Bakersfield instead of Porterville, and further authorizing applicant to abandon that portion of his line lying between a point near the summit of Greenhorn mountain and Glennville.

A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Satterwhite in Bakersfield on September 24, 1926, at which time the matter was submitted, and is now ready for decision.

Applicant has been furnishing telephone service in the vicinity of White River, Tulare County and Glennville, Kernville, Isabella, Weldon and Onyx, Kern County, California for a number

of years. The territory served by applicant lies generally south and east of the City of Porterville, Tulare County, California. Applicant's system consists in part of a toll line from The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's central office at Porterville and applicant's central office at White River and a so-called grounded combination toll and subscriber's line connecting White River, Glennville and Kernville in the order named.

The section of telephone line between Glennville and Kernville is built over a rough mountainous country, according to the testimony in this proceeding, and does not follow any public highway. For this reason that portion of the line between Glennville and Kernville which applicant desires to abandon is maintained with great difficulty, especially during the winter months.

Tariff Books of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Rate Schedules of G. W. Bandy show that messages, the destinations of which are Kernville, Isabella, Weldon or Onyx are routed to the Porterville central office, which would indicate that such messages would be routed over the line between Glennville and Kernville. Applicant, however, testified that telephone conversations between Kernville and points on the Pacific Company's system by the route above referred to is impossible and that all such messages must be repeated.

Applicant proposes to entirely abandon the line between Glennville and the summit of the Greenhorn mountain as a toll route and to substitute a connection with the toll line of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company at Isabella, through a central office to be established and operated by applicant at the latter point. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's toll line extends from Isabella to Bakersfield at which point connection might

be made with all stations on this Company's system.

Applicant proposes to charge and collect the rates for exchange service in the Isabella exchange area effective at the present time although service is now furnished from the central office at White River. The charges for toll service by way of the Isabella central office, as proposed by applicant are the same as those at present effective through applicant's White River central office.

Applicant's plan is concurred in by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and it appears that the operation of such a plan would be in the interests of the applicant's patrons and the public generally. No one appeared at the hearing to oppose the granting of this application.

O R D E R

G. W. Bandy having made application to the Railroad Commission for an Order authorizing him to abandon telephone service over that portion of his line extending from the summit of Greenhorn mountain to Glennville, Kern County, California, and to route messages to and from points on the lines of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company from and to Kernville, Isabella, Weldon and Onyx by way of Bakersfield, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and the Railroad Commission finding as a fact that the abandonment of service over the above described line and the change in routing as above referred to are in the interests of the communities involved:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that G. W. Bandy shall

- (1) Establish and place in operation as of January 1, 1927, a telephone central office at Isabella, Kern County, California.

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(2) Charge and collect, effective as of January 1, 1927, the rates for exchange and toll telephone service as shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

(3) Submit for filing with the Railroad Commission on or before December 31, 1926, the Schedules of Rates referred to in Section 2 above, together with Rules and Regulations similar to those set forth in this Commission's Decision No. 13478 (24 C.R.C. 854) modified as may be approved by this Commission.

(4) Submit for filing with the Railroad Commission on or before December 31, 1926, a map showing exchange area boundaries for the White River and Isabella Exchanges as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that G. W. Bandy be and he is hereby authorized to establish and maintain physical connections for the interchange of toll telephone and telegraph business at Isabella, Kern County, with the lines of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, under connecting contracts entered into by G.W. Bandy and The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company subject to the approval of the Railroad Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day
~~of November~~ ^{December}, 1926.

H. B. Boudige
P. A. Breen
Wm. J. G. G. G.
Leon Whitehall
Thos. S. R. R.

Commissioners.

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EXHIBIT "A"

RATES

EXCHANGE SERVICE SCHEDULE NO. A-1

Party Line and Local Exchange Switching Service.

The following listed rates are effective for Party Line and Local Exchange Switching Service:

Rate A.

Applicable to exchange service at all points within the company's western district, viz., at White River, Glenville, Woody and Jack Ranch (Posey).

<u>Grade of Service</u>	<u>Rate per Month</u>
Party Line, lines and instruments owned and maintained by Company, Wall or Desk Set, per station,	\$1.50
Party Line, lines and instruments owned and maintained by the subscriber, per station,	.75
Minimum charge per circuit, for lines and instruments owned and maintained by subscribers, per month.	3.75

Conditions, Rate A.

(1) Under the rates listed herein, local service without switching charges is limited to direct calling between subscriber stations, not routed through a central office or switching station for completion.

(2) For local switching between subscriber stations, when routed through a central office or switching station for completion from one line to another at any point in the company's western district, a switching charge of twenty-five (25) cents, unlimited, is effective for each message.

Rate B.

Applicable to exchange service at all points within the company's eastern district, viz., at Isabella, Kernville, Weldon and Onyx.

<u>Grade of Service</u>	<u>Rate per Month</u>
Party Line, lines and instruments owned and maintained by Company, Wall or Desk Set, per station,	\$1.50
*Party Line, lines and instruments owned and maintained by Company, Wall or Desk Set, as hereinafter provided, per station,	1.75
Party Line, lines and instruments owned and maintained by the subscriber, per station	.75
Minimum charge per circuit, for lines and instruments owned and maintained by subscribers, per month	3.75

Conditions, Rate B.

(1) Under the rates listed herein, local service without switching charges is limited to direct calling between subscriber stations, not routed through a central office or switching station for completion.

(2) For local switching between subscriber stations, when routed through a central office or switching station for completion from one line to another at any point in the company's eastern district, a switching charge of twenty-five (25) cents, unlimited, is effective for each message.

*(3) Subscribers paying the rate of one dollar and seventy-five (1.75) cents per month, herein listed, are connected to a subscriber's line extending from Kernville and Isabella through Weldon to Onyx. Service between stations connected to this line is by direct call. For switching between any station on this line and any station on any other line at any point in the company's eastern district, a switching charge of twenty-five (25) cents, unlimited, is effective for each message.

TOLL SERVICE SCHEDULE NO. B-1

General Service.

The following listed rates are applicable to long distance telephone toll service on the toll lines of the Company, as provided below:

Rate A.

Applicable to toll telephone service between any two points on the toll lines of the company's western district, including Porterville, White River, Glenville, Woody and Jack Ranch (Posey).

<u>Initial Rate</u>	<u>Initial Period</u>	<u>Over- time Rate</u>	<u>Over- time Period</u>
25¢	3 Min.	10¢	1 Min.

Rate B.

Applicable to toll telephone service between any two points on the toll lines of the company's eastern district, including Isabella, Kernville, Weldon and Onyx.

<u>Initial Rate</u>	<u>Initial Period</u>	<u>Over- time Rate</u>	<u>Over- time Period</u>
25¢	3 Min.	10¢	1 Min.

Conditions.

(1) Connection is made with the toll lines of connecting companies as follows:

Lines of western district at Porterville.
Lines of eastern district at Isabella.

The charges applicable to toll service between points on the lines of the company, other than Porterville and Isabella, and points on the lines of connecting companies' lines beyond Porterville and/or Isabella are the rates quoted by the connecting companies for use of their lines, plus the above listed rates; the rates above apply to toll messages over the company's lines without reference to the class of service which may be offered or furnished by the connecting companies.

(2) Toll telephone service between points in the western district of the company and in the eastern district of the company is rendered in conjunction with the toll telephone lines of connecting company and charges for such service are the above rates, plus the connecting company's rate, applicable between Isabella and Porterville, except that for such service the rate from the last connecting company point to the called station only is applied; in such cases no charge is made by the company for service from the calling point to the first point on connecting company line.

EXHIBIT "B"

MAP OF EXCHANGE AREAS

OF

WHITE RIVER AND ISABELLA EXCHANGES

CALIFORNIA RAILROAD COMMISSION

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G. W. BANDY

