Decision No. 18066.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the application of FEDERAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY (of California) for permission to open an office in Oakland, California.

Application No. 13,401.

Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro, by M. D. L. Fuller for Applicant.

E. W. Hollingsworth, Oakland Chamber of Commerce, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

<u>OPINION</u>

Federal Telegraph Company, a corporation, in this proceeding requests permission of the Railroad Commission to open a telegraph office in the City of Oakland, Alameda County.

A public hearing in the matter was held by Examiner Gannon in Cakland on February 4, 1927, at which place and time the matter was submitted for decision.

A. Y. Tuel, General Manager of applicant company, gave testimony relative to its operations and reasons for its desire to establish a telegraph office in Oakland. This office was, in fact, opened for business in the Federal Telegraph Building in Oakland on October 1, 1926. Receipts from the business have increased from approximately Four Hundred (400) Dollars for the first month to between Six Hundred (600) Dollars and Seven Hundred (700) Dollars per month at the present time. The Company operates offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego, California, at points in other western states, and by means of its radio stations furnishes commun-

ication with ships in the north Pacific Ocean. Applicant submitted several letters from civic organizations, private firms and companies of Oakland expressing favorable comment either on its entry into the City of Oakland as an operating company or on its service since the establishment of its Oakland office.

No objection was made to the opening by Federal Telegraph Company of a telegraph office in Oakland and no good reason appears for not granting applicant's request.

ORDER

Federal Telegraph Company having made application to the Railroad Commission for permission to open a telegraph office in Oakland, Alameda County, California, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision:

The Railroad Commission hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require that the Federal Telegraph Company open a telegraph office in the City of Oakland for the transaction of general telegraph business, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and the same is hereby granted to Federal Telegraph Company authorizing the establishment and operation of a telegraph office in the City of Oakland.

The authority herein granted is subject to the following conditions:

1. Federal Telegraph Company shall file with this Commission on or before March 15, 1927, a certified copy of any franchise which has been granted it for the operation of telegraph business in the City of Oakland, Alameda County, California, and likewise shall file, within fifteen (15) days after its execution, a certified copy of any such franchise which may hereafter be granted it for such purpose.

- 2. Federal Telegraph Company shall file with this Commission on or before March 15, 1927, or within fifteen (15) days after the date when any such amount is paid by it, a stipulation, in satisfactory form, with this Commission to the effect that it or its successors or assigns will never claim before the Railroad Commission, any court or other public body, a value for any franchise which it may now have or may hereafter obtain for the operation of an office in Oakland in excess of the amount which it has paid for the same.
- 3. Federal Telegraph Company shall submit to the Commission for filing on or before March 15, 1927, its schedules of rates and charges for telegraph service to and from its Oakland office in conformity with the provisions of General Order No. 68 of this Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this Alay of March, 1927.

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Commissioners.