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Decision No. 18292.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a corporation, for an order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California granting it a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise rights and privileges conferred upon it under the franchise granted it by the City Council of the City of Petaluma by Ordinance No. 298 (Charter Series) on the 19th day of July, 1926.

) Application No.13256.

J. G. Marshall, Attorney for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in this proceeding requests the Commission for an order granting it a certificate that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by it of certain rights and privileges conferred upon it under the franchise granted it by the City Council of the City of Petaluma by Ordinance No.298 (Charter Series) on the 19th day of July, 1926.

A hearing in the application was held by Examiner Satterwhite in San Francisco on April 14, 1927, at which place and

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time the matter was submitted for decision.

Applicant is now, and for many years in the past has been, lawfully engaged in the operation of a general telephone and telegraph business in the City of Petaluma. The Company's witness stated at the hearing that the acquisition of the certificate as requested in the application would not, of itself, result in any change in the operations or service of Applicant in the City of Petaluma.

Mr. Marshall, attorney for Applicant, stipulated that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company would never claim any value for the franchise, a copy of which was marked "Exhibit A" and attached to the application, greater than One Hundred and Sixty-one Dollars and Twenty-nine Cents (\$161.29), which is the amount of the cost to it of such franchise.

No objection was made to the granting of the application. It appears that public convenience and necessity will be served by the granting of the request of Applicant.

Q R D E R

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company having requested this Commission for an order granting it a certificate that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by it of certain rights and privileges conferred upon it under the franchise granted it by the City Council of the City of Petaluma by Ordinance No. 298 (Charter Series), on the 19th day of July, 1926, a copy of said franchise having been filed with the Railroad Commission as "Exhibit B" attached to the application, and Applicant having stipulated that it will never claim any value for the aforesaid franchise in excess of the sum of One Hundred and Sixty-one Dollars and Twenty-nine Cents (\$161.29), which is the amount of the cost to it of such franchise, a public hearing

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having been held in the application, the matter having been submitted and being ready now for decision,

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THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the exercise of the rights and privileges granted by said franchise, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and the same is hereby granted to The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company authorizing the exercise by it of the rights and privileges granted to it in Ordinance No. 298 (Charter Series), dated July 19, 1926, by the City Comcil of the City of Petaluma.

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, Californía, this <u>294</u> day of April, 1927.

Commissioners.