

Decision No. 8645.

ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

The City of Monrovia, a municipal corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

The Monrovia Telephone and Telegraph Company, a corporation, and The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company,

Defendants.

Case No. 2360.

The City of Arcadia, a municipal corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

The Monrovia Telephone and Telegraph Company, a corporation, and Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, a corporation,

Defendants.

Case No. 2381.

William B. Palmer, for City of Monrovia.

A. N. Multer, for City Council of Arcadia and Arcadia Chamber of Commerce.

Hal. M. Slemons, for Arcadia Chamber of Commerce.

J. G. Marshall for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Ernest Irwin for Monrovia Telephone and Telegraph Company and California Independent Telephone Association.

BRUNDIGE, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled matters, complaint is made against The Monrovia Telephone and Telegraph Company and The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company alleging that the

present single telephone circuit connecting the Monrovia exchange of the first named company and the Arcadia exchange of the last named company will not take care of the telephone traffic offered and requesting that defendants be required to install a sufficient number of circuits between the said Cities of Monrovia and Arcadia to provide adequate and satisfactory telephone service to all desiring to use such inter-exchange service and that said companies be permitted to charge for such service at the rate of five cents (5¢) per five minute message and further that the present so-called free service be withdrawn.

The above entitled proceedings relate to the same matter of complaint and relief, the first, numbered 2360 having been made by the City of Monrovia and the last, numbered 2381 by the City of Arcadia.

A public hearing was held on these matters in Los Angeles on June 29, 1927, at which time they were consolidated for the purpose of receiving evidence and for decision.

Defendants in their Answers to these complaints stated a willingness to discontinue the so-called free service as complained of and, in lieu thereof, to provide necessary circuits for service between the above mentioned exchanges at a station-to-station rate of five cents (5¢) for each five minute message.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company by its witness gave evidence that it could provide four circuits for interexchange toll service between the Monrovia and Arcadia exchanges within a period of one week after the issuance of an order so to do, and would provide additional circuits as

found necessary for adequate service. It further agreed to charge for service over such circuits at the rate of five cents (5¢) for the first five minutes of each message, over-time to be at the rate of five cents (5¢) for each additional five minute period.

The Monrovia Telephone and Telegraph Company by its witness agreed to the abandonment of the so-called free service and to co-operate with The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in the rendering of adequate service between the above-mentioned cities at the rates proposed.

No one opposed the proposed change in operation of and charges for service.

There appears no good reason why complainant's request should not be granted and I believe that the interests of the subscribers to telephone service in the cities of Monrovia and Arcadia and of the public generally will be properly served by the granting of this request. I propose the following form of order.

O R D E R

The City of Monrovia and the City of Arcadia having made complaint against The Monrovia Telephone and Telegraph Company and The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in which request is made that said defendants be required to install a sufficient number of circuits between the Cities of Monrovia and Arcadia to provide adequate and satisfactory telephone service to all desiring to use such interexchange service, that the charge for such service should be at the rate of five cents (5¢) per five minute message and further

that the so-called free service should be withdrawn, a public hearing having been held, the matters having been submitted, and the Railroad Commission being of the opinion that the requests made in these complaints should be granted as herein provided;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Monrovia Telephone and Telegraph Company and The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company shall provide for service on or before August 1, 1927 the necessary direct circuits between the Monrovia exchange of the former and the Arcadia exchange of the latter company, to provide adequate interexchange telephone service between said exchanges at a station-to-station initial rate of five cents (5¢) for an initial period of five minutes and with an overtime rate of five cents (5¢) for an overtime period of five minutes.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Monrovia Telephone and Telegraph Company and The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company shall discontinue the present so-called free service between the Monrovia and Arcadia exchanges on and after the date on which the above ordered service is made available, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company shall notify the Railroad Commission within five (5) days after the date on which compliance with the above orders shall have been made, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company shall, at least three (3) days before toll telephone service is made available over direct circuits between the Monrovia and Arcadia exchanges as ordered above, submit for

filing, in accordance with General Order No. 68 of this Commission, the rates as set forth above for interexchange toll service between said exchanges.

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 13th day of July 1927.

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Commissioners.