

Decision No. 19006 .

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a  
municipal corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE  
COMPANY, a corporation,

Defendant.

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Case No. 2343.

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Attorneys of the City of Los Angeles, and  
Geo. E. Metcalf, for the Board of Public  
Utilities, for the City of Los Angeles,  
complainant.

Lawler and Degnan, by Oscar Lawler, and James  
G. Marshall, for the Southern California  
Telephone Company, defendant.

Bernard Potter and Andrae Nordskog, for the  
East Hollywood Development Club, interested  
party.

CARR, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

This is a complaint by the City of Los Angeles, the  
object of which is to secure an order enlarging the exchange area  
served by the Southern California Telephone Company to include a  
section lying to the north of Los Feliz Boulevard and which is  
now served from the Glendale Exchange of The Pacific Telephone and  
Telegraph Company.

Public hearings were had on September 7th and 10th, 1927,  
at which the matter was fully presented.

The section which it is sought to have shifted from the Glendale Exchange Area to the Los Angeles Exchange Area is situated within the boundaries of the City of Los Angeles and is approximately one-half mile wide and one mile long. This really consists of two sections, that on the southerly end being termed the Walnut Park District, and that on the northerly end the Parkdale District.

The boundaries of the Los Angeles Exchange now reach to a point 300 feet north of Los Feliz Boulevard. As to the residents and potential telephone users in the Walnut Park District there exists a substantial unanimity of sentiment in favor of Los Angeles service, there being but one subscriber who prefers a continuance of the Glendale service. This district is within the political boundaries of the City of Los Angeles, where Los Angeles telephone service is of considerable moment because it means improved means of communication for police and fire protection. The district is immediately contiguous to that now served by the Los Angeles system and its junction with the Los Angeles Exchange Area would not work any undue burden on other subscribers to the Los Angeles system. On the whole it is clear that this section at least should be included in the Los Angeles Exchange.

Quite a different situation exists in respect to the Parkdale District. Here there exists a sharp division of sentiment among residents and prospective telephone users as between the Los Angeles and Glendale service. The evidence shows that various residents of this district have built up social and business connections with subscribers of the Glendale Exchange, such that they object to any change being made. Under all the circumstances the evidence does not justify this district being shifted to the Los Angeles Exchange.

While the Defendant, in its opposition to the complaint of the City, presented as witnesses various engineers, experts and officials of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, it saw fit to raise the objection that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company was not a party to the case and hence no order which would be made could affect it. The order will be so framed as not directly to affect The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. If that Company subsequently desires to contract its Glendale Exchange Area so as to conform to the extended exchange area of the defendant Telephone Company it will be free to make an appropriate application to this end.

I herewith submit the following form of order:

O R D E R

This case being at issue upon complaint of the City of Los Angeles, investigation of the matters and things involved having been made and basing this order on the findings of fact and conclusions contained in the opinion which precedes this order and which is hereby referred to and made a part hereof,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Southern California Telephone Company shall expand on or before December 1, 1927, its exchange territory to include therein that certain area within the City of Los Angeles and north of Los Feliz Boulevard sometimes called Walnut Park and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a point where the present common boundary of the Los Angeles and Glendale Exchanges intersects the common boundary of the Cities of Los Angeles and Glendale, 300 feet north of Los Feliz Boulevard, and extending in a northerly direction along said common municipal boundary to a point 350 feet south of an extension of the center line of Verdant Street, thence in a westerly direction parallel to and 350 feet south of the center line of Verdant Street to the point of its intersection with a line 350 feet north of and parallel to Rigali Avenue, thence westerly along that line 350 feet north of and parallel to Rigali Avenue to a point on the common boundary of the Los Angeles and Glendale Exchanges, which is the Los Angeles River, thence along the Los Angeles River in a southerly direction

to a point where it intersects the present common boundary of the Los Angeles and Glendale Exchanges 300 feet from Los Feliz Boulevard, thence along this present common exchange boundary 300 feet from and parallel to Los Feliz Boulevard to the point of beginning.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Southern California Telephone Company shall file with the Railroad Commission on or before December 1, 1927, in accordance with General Order No.68, a revised map of its Los Angeles Exchange Area which shall include the territory above ordered included therein,

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Southern California Telephone Company shall make effective on and after December 1, 1927, in the territory above described the rates, rules and regulations effective in its Los Angeles Exchange.

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 4<sup>th</sup> day  
~~of October~~ <sup>November</sup>, 1927.

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Thos. B. Powell

M. J. Lee

Commissioners.