

DECISION NO. 14108 .**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of INTERSTATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a corporation, for a certificate that public convenience and necessity require the construction of an extension to its existing system, to-wit: a telephone line from June Lake Junction to Mono Lake Inn, Mono County, California, and for authority to file and make effective rates for telephone service over said line.

Application No. 14069.

H. W. Coil, Attorney, and H. A. Van Loon, General Superintendent, for Applicant;
 Charles L. Hayes, District Attorney, Mono County, for Mono County Board of Supervisors, Interested Party;
 A. S. Bryant, for Bridgeport Telephone and Telegraph Company, Interested Party
 E. J. Phillips, for United Farmers Telephone and Telegraph Company of Gardnerville, Nevada, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding the Interstate Telegraph Company, a corporation, makes application for authority to extend its system from June Lake to Mono Inn located on Mono Lake, and to file and make effective for service over such extension, toll telephone rates and telegraph rates similar to those now effective for service over its system.

A public hearing was held in this application before Examiner Williams in Bridgeport, California, on November 10, 1927, at which time the matter was submitted.

Testimony of H. A. Van Loon, for applicant, by

Charles L. Hayes, District Attorney of Mono County, and by A. S. Bryant, owner of the Bridgeport Telephone and Telegraph Company, favored the granting of the application, for the reason that the territory now served by the Bridgeport Company then could have a telephone and telegraph outlet to Bishop and points beyond toward the south. The present roundabout line haul north through Yerington and Reno, Nevada, thence through San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Bernardino to Bishop and points near thereto, is very unsatisfactory as to both service and rates.

The United Farmers Telephone and Telegraph Company of Gardnerville, Nevada, offered objection to the toll line extension as applied for on the basis that if the application were granted, some present business to and from the lines of the Bridgeport Telephone and Telegraph Company, now routed over the lines of the United Farmers Company, would be routed over applicant's line. This objection was withdrawn by protestant when it was shown that better service and lower rates would be had by routing certain business over the proposed line, and that the routing of business from the lines of applicant company destined to points north beyond the Bridgeport Company's territory would no doubt be to the advantage of the United Farmers Company.

The evidence in this proceeding shows that public convenience and necessity require that this application should be granted and the order following will so provide.

O R D E R

Interstate Telegraph Company, a corporation, applicant in this proceeding, having applied to the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing it to extend its toll lines from their present terminus near June Lake to Mono Inn on Mono Lake and there to

connect with the lines of the Bridgeport Telephone and Telegraph Company and to furnish toll telephone service and telegraph service over such extension, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and now being ready for decision,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby finds as a fact that the Interstate Telegraph Company should extend its toll lines from their present terminus near June Lake to Mono Inn on Mono Lake and there connect with the lines of the Bridgeport Telephone and Telegraph Company, and basing its order on the foregoing findings of fact,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Interstate Telegraph Company, on or before July 1, 1928, shall extend its toll lines from their present terminus near June Lake to Mono Inn on Mono Lake and at this latter point make switching arrangements for the interchange of business with the Bridgeport Telephone and Telegraph Company.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Interstate Telegraph Company shall charge and collect rates for toll telephone service and telegraph service over the extension of its system authorized herein which shall be based on its toll telephone and telegraph rate structure at present in use on its system and which shall be equal to rates for similar service under similar conditions elsewhere on its lines, after a showing to this Commission that the construction necessary for the furnishing of toll telephone and telegraph service has been completed and upon the issuance of a supplemental order by the 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 8th day of December ~~November~~, 1927.

Ernest W. Cook
Chairman
Wm. S. Rowlett
Commissioners.