

Decision No. 19194.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application
of the LOWER LAKE FARMERS TELEPHONE
COMPANY for Permission to Increase
its Rates for Toll Service.

Application No. 14163.

ORIGINAL

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

Lower Lake Farmers Telephone Association, applicant in this proceeding, asks authority to charge and collect an initial toll rate of fifteen (15) cents from subscribers and non-subscribers alike for service rendered between Lower Lake and Kelseyville, and between Lower Lake and Middletown. At present this charge is exacted of non-subscribers only.

A hearing was held in this proceeding before Examiner Rowell at Lakeport, California, on December 6, 1927.

Testimony taken at the hearing showed that the construction of a new toll line, as contemplated by applicant in the event a favorable decision was rendered, was a vital necessity if satisfactory service was to be rendered to applicant's subscribers and to the public generally. The evidence further brought out the fact, however, that other farmer line organizations in Lake County and their subscribers, not parties to this proceeding, would be affected by the application of rates sought by applicant; and that no working agreement, which would be necessary in rendering good telephone service, existed among

the various farmer line associations.

Arrangements should be made for the transaction of inter-association business and request for authority to establish rates applicable to all users of the service may be made jointly by all farmer line telephone organizations affected.

Reference is made to decision made this day in the matter of application of Lake County Telephone Association for increase in rates for toll service, and to Decisions Nos. 12630 (23 C.R.C. 903), 12631 (23 C.R.C. 907) and 14871 (26 C.R.C. 391).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application be and it is hereby dismissed without prejudice.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23d day of December, 1927.

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Olson
Leon White
Thos D. Koutis
W. J. Gunn
 Commissioners.