

Decision No. 19313 .

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 J. L. HARRIS, doing business under
 the name of AUKUM TELEPHONE LINE, for
 an order of the Railroad Commission
 authorizing the disposal of his
 telephone property and the abandonment
 of telephone utility operation.

Application No. 14242.

J. L. Harris, for Applicant.
 H. Jameson, for Shenandoah Telephone Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

J. L. Harris, hereinafter referred to as applicant, requests authority of the Commission to dispose of his telephone property and discontinue telephone public utility operations.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Rowell in Plymouth on January 6, 1928, at which time and place the matter was submitted.

Applicant serves some thirteen (13) subscribers by means of approximately thirty-five (35) miles of grounded line circuit. Connection is made with lines of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company at its switchboard in its Plymouth Exchange.

Applicant assigns, as his reason for desiring to discontinue telephone utility operations, that the state of his health will not permit him to continue the business and that sufficient revenues are not obtained therefrom to enable him

to hire someone to maintain the line. Applicant states that of thirteen (13) subscribers receiving service over his system, six (6) of these identified in the record, including his own service, have formulated plans for their future service by means of a mutual association to serve themselves. Corroborating statements were made by three of the subscribers included in this group. Applicant submits that the seven remaining subscribers, situated near Fairplay, may obtain service by connecting to lines of a subscriber owned system known as the Shenandoah Telephone Company. A representative of this latter named company, duly qualified, stated that his company stood willing and ready to cooperate with applicant's subscribers in obtaining service.

No objection to the abandonment of applicant's service was entered and there appears no good reason why the request of applicant should not be granted.

O R D E R

J. L. Harris having requested the Railroad Commission to make its order authorizing him to dispose of his telephone properties and to abandon telephone public utility operations, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that J. L. Harris be and he is hereby given authority to suspend and abandon all public utility telephone operations, following the effective date of this order, as and when his present subscribers may receive service as shown

in the opinion preceding this order but, in any event, not later than April 1, 1928.

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 6th day of February, 1928.

Leon Whitely
Clarence
Ernest
Paul
M. A. C.
 Commissioners.