

Decision No. 19681.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY OF COVINA,
a corporation, for authority to
withdraw telephone service from cer-
tain territory in Los Angeles County.

Application No. 13573.

Ernest Irwin, for Applicant and for California
Independent Telephone Association,

Edson Abel and J. J. Deuel by Edson Abel, for
certain subscribers, Protestants.

WEITSELL, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

This is an application of the Home Telephone Company of Covina, which renders telephone service in and adjacent to the City of Covina, and in other communities near Covina. Applicant asks for authority from this Commission to withdraw and remove certain of its telephone services which are located in and adjacent to the City of San Dimas. Pomona Valley Telephone and Telegraph Union also serves this territory within which it has four hundred telephone services.

A public hearing was held in this application at Covina, at which time the matter was submitted for decision.

Applicant states that, during the year 1904, it extended lines into the present San Dimas area, and began rendering telephone service. The number of Covina services in this territory reached a maximum of thirty-six (36) in the year 1914. At that time the Pomona Union, the Sunset Telephone and Telegraph

Company and the applicant were in competition in this area.

A few years ago a boundary line was established between the Covina and San Dimas areas, apparently without consulting subscribers therein. It was the intention that thereafter the San Dimas area should be served by the Pomona Union only. However, applicant thereafter continued those services it then had in the San Dimas area and only such of these have been removed as the requirements of individual cases necessitated. This situation has been continued until, at the present time, there are but nineteen Covina Company services remaining in the San Dimas area, and it is these services which applicant requests authority to remove.

The record shows that fourteen of these subscribers, directly or through their representatives, protested the removal of their services.

The testimony in this proceeding shows that applicant voluntarily furnished the services which it now desires to discontinue; that one of these services was installed as recently as September, 1925, and another in October, 1925, which dates are considerably later than the time when the exchange boundary was established; that the subscribers to these services desire to retain them, and that their continuance will not injure other persons in the San Dimas area.

After full consideration of the record in this proceeding, we find that this application should be denied and the Order following will so provide. Applicant should arrange for immediate improvement in its lines and service to those of its subscribers who are located in and adjacent to San Dimas.

The decision made in this matter is based upon the conditions of the installation of these services and upon facts brought out in this proceeding, and it should not be presumed

that our finding herein will be properly applicable at other times and under different circumstances in similar matters.

The following form of order is submitted:

O R D E R

Home Telephone Company of Covina, having made application to the Railroad Commission for authority to remove a telephone services from the City of San Dimas and adjacent territory, a public hearing having been held and the matter now being ready for decision, and basing its order on the foregoing finding of fact and upon other findings of fact contained in the opinion preceding this order,--

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this application be and the same is hereby denied.

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.

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 27th day of April, 1928.

Leon W. Kelly
C. J. [unclear]
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Commissioners.