

ORIGINALDecision No. 19812 .

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION,
Complainant,

vs.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE COM-
PANY,

Defendant.

Case No. 2511.

CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION,
Complainant,

vs.

THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH
COMPANY,

Defendant.

Case No. 2512.

J. J. Deuel and L. S. Wing, for California
Farm Bureau Federation.James G. Marshall, for Northern California
Telephone Company and The Pacific Telephone
and Telegraph Company.Ernest Irwin, for California Independent Tele-
phone Association.

CARR, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

California Farm Bureau Federation complains separately against Northern California Telephone Company and The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, alleging that some of their regulations and practices respecting the extension of telephone farmer lines across exchange boundaries are unreasonable. The respective defendants answered the complaints justifying their practices.

A public hearing was had on May 16, 1928, at which the two matters were consolidated.

At the hearing the respective defendants offered to satisfy the complaints by filing certain general rules and

regulations by which farmer lines crossing exchange boundaries would be treated as a class of foreign exchange service.

Witnesses for defendants testified at considerable length as to the construction and effect of these proposed rules and, among other things, stated that no rate changes would result in respect to present farmer line services rendered across exchange boundaries as deviations, except as the status of each such service might be changed.

Complainant thereupon stated in open hearing that the satisfaction tendered was acceptable to it. Under the circumstances, all that is necessary to dispose of these matters is an order directing the companies to file formally and put into effect rules and regulations covering the subject matter of the complaint.

I recommend the following form of order:

O R D E R

A public hearing having been had in the two above entitled matters, the same having been consolidated for hearing, and the respective defendants having tendered satisfaction of the complaint and the complainant having accepted such tender of satisfaction as sufficient,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Northern California Telephone Company file with the Railroad Commission on or before ^{May 29} May 29, 1928, a Farmer Line Service Schedule substantially as outlined in Exhibit "A" and a modified Rule and Regulation No. 21 substantially as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto, effective ^{June 1} June 1, 1928.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company file with the Railroad Commission on or before ^{May 29} May 29, 1928, a Farmer Line Service Schedule

substantially as outlined in Exhibit "A" and a modified Rule and Regulation No. 21 substantially as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto, effective June 1, 1928.

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 date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of May, 1928.

Leon Whitall

C. Deany

John B. Smith

M. A. Lee
Commissioners.

EXHIBIT "A"

FARMER LINE SERVICE SCHEDULE

FARMER LINE SERVICE

SERVICE.

Applicable to farmer line service.

CONDITIONS.

Farmer line service is furnished outside the primary rate area and normally within the exchange area. A farmer line station shall not be located within the primary rate area. A farmer line shall not extend across an exchange area boundary except upon a foreign exchange basis, as hereinafter provided.

The Company will provide, own and maintain all lines and facilities used to furnish farmer line service to the boundary of the primary rate area except where the city limits are beyond this boundary, in which case the lines and facilities extend to the boundary of the city limits.

The subscriber will provide, own and maintain all lines and facilities beyond the boundary of the primary rate area or city limits.

Farmer line service will be rendered to less than five subscriber; providing the total minimum exchange revenue of each circuit is not less than that of five residence stations.

The subscriber will be allowed a discount of Ten Per Cent (10%) on the charge for exchange service, if bill is paid at the Company's office during the first month of the year. New subscribers will be billed from the date of connection to the end of the year, and annually in advance thereafter. Initial bills rendered new subscribers will be subject to a Ten Per Cent (10%) discount on the charge for exchange service, provided the bill is paid at the Company's office within thirty days after date of bill.

Foreign Exchange Farmer Line Service will be furnished from one exchange to a farmer line station located in the suburban area of a contiguous exchange under the following rates and conditions:

The rate per station will be one and one-half times the farmer line rate applying in the exchange from which the service is furnished, but not less than \$6.00 per station per year.

The Company has the right to cease to render telephone service to a subscriber or subscribers served by means of a privately owned line by disconnection of such privately owned line, if a fault on that privately owned line is causing interruption to service furnished to other subscribers not served by such privately owned line; and may refuse to reconnect such line until the fault shall have been repaired and the line placed in an operating condition.

The above service will be furnished providing the line owned by the subscriber or subscribers is properly constructed and in an operating condition.

Foreign Exchange service will be furnished subject to the same conditions as to the use of the service by others than the subscriber and his representatives which are applicable in connection with other classes of subscriber's telephone service. Foreign Exchange Service will not be provided for public or semi-public use.

The scope of local service for, and the toll rates to and from, stations connected for Foreign Exchange Service will be in accordance with the tariff provisions of the foreign exchange for the particular class of service.

A farmor line may not be connected to more than one exchange. In the event that the farmor line is so connected, and upon failure, after notice to the subscribers of record on that line, to comply with the above provision, the Company then shall have the right to disconnect that line from any or all the exchanges to which it is connected.

EXHIBIT "B"

RULE AND REGULATION NO. 21

RULE AND REGULATIONNO. 21OWNERSHIP OF INSTRUMENTALITIES AND DIRECTORIES
ON SUBSCRIBER'S PREMISES

(A) All Service Except Farmer Line Service.

The Company shall own, furnish, and maintain all instrumentalities, including inside wiring, protective apparatus, and other facilities used to provide service to a subscriber.

All instruments provided shall conform to the established construction standards of the Company.

(B) Farmer Line Service.

In the furnishing of farmer line service, the Company will provide, own and maintain all lines and facilities used to furnish service to the boundary of the Primary Rate Area except where the city limits are beyond this boundary, in which case the lines and facilities extend to the boundary of the city limits.

The subscriber will provide, own and maintain all lines and facilities beyond the boundary of Primary Rate Area or city limits.

A farmer line station shall not be located within the Primary Rate Area. A farmer line shall not extend across an exchange area boundary except upon a foreign exchange basis.

(C) Directories.

Telephone directories containing the listings of subscribers within a specified area, issued from time to time by the Company, are and remain the property of the Company. They shall not be mutilated and shall be surrendered to the carrier who delivers the subsequent issue.