Decision No. 13330



BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFOFNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of O. F. GOODRICH, doing business under the fictitious name and style of ANTELOPE VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY, for an order authorizing a revision of his rates for telephone service.

LANCASTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Complainant,

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O. F. GOODRICH, doing business under the name and style of ANTELOPE VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY,

Defendant.

Application No. 14503.

Case No. 2485.

J. J. Deuel and L. S. Wing, for Complainant, Lancaster Chamber of Commerce. Ernest Irwin for defendant and applicant, C. F. Goodrich.

BY THE COMMISSION:

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

Case No. 2485 of Lancaster Chamber of Commerce vs. O. F. Goodrich, in which extended hours of service were requested, was filed January 20, 1928. Defendant answered this complaint on February 10, 1928, and further on March 14, 1928, filed Application No. 14503 in which he expressed a willingness to provide the service desired by complainant, and further requested an opportunity to present evidence as to the

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cost and requirement in additional rates in order to give this service.

The two above numbered matters were consolidated and beard before Examiner Satterwhite at Lancaster on June 12, 1928. At this hearing testimony was received as to the signing of petitions by more than fifty per cent of the subscribers, signifying their willingness to pay increased charges upward to an amount of \$1.00 each per month. The testimony was to the effect that any increases in charges to be paid by the subscribers to provide temporary relief, pending a complete rate investigation by the Commission, should be borne equally by all subscribers regardless of business or residence classification, or whether individual or party line service was received.

Further hearing in this matter has been set for September 5, 1928, in the City of Lancaster, at which time, it was stipulated the results of a full investigation will be placed in Compleinant has requested that some temporary relief be evidence. accorded the community in the interim by way of an arbitrary increase in rates to be apportioned equally among all subscribers. It appears that the desired relief sought through additional hours and improvement of service can be met by a temporary advance over the present rate paid by each subscriber of seventy-five (75) cents per month. The Commission, in making such provision for temporary additional revenue, is influenced by the fact that at the hearing the testimony of all witnesses showed that the relief sought is an urgent matter, and further, that the temporary provision herein established is a fair measure, under all the circumstances surrounding the service. It cannot be construed, however, that the Commission is by this order making any finding of fact as to the reasonableness of the total charges to subscribers resulting from the order herein.

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INTERIM ORDER

The above entitled proceedings having come on regularly to be heard, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been continued to September 5, 1928, and temporary relief having been requested, as indicated in the foregoing opinion,

THE RAILROAD COLMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, upon the ground set forth in the opinion preceding this order, hereby finds that the required relief, pending a full investigation and finding of fact, should be granted; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that 0. F. Goodrich be and he is hereby ordered to make certain modifications in his operations and shall, effective August 1, 1928,

1. Establish and thereafter maintain full and complete twenty-four (24) hour service from the exchange serving Lancaster and vicinity.

2. Charge and collect for exchange telephone service the rates and charges shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that O. F. Goodrich shell submit for filing on or before July 30,1928,

1. Schedules of rates designated "Exchange Service Schedules A-1 and A-5", as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, superseding, respectively, similarly numbered schedules now on file with 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 37 day of July, 1928.

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EXHIBIT

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EXCHANCE SERVICE - SCHEDULE NO. A-1.

UNLIMITED EXCHANGE SERVICE:

Applicable to all individual and party line flat rate service within the Primary Rate irea, as shown on Map, Sheet No. C.R.C. 6-T, filed herewith.

RATE:

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Class of Service	Business Wall Set	Service Desk Set	Residence Wall Set	Service Desk Set
Individual Line	\$3 ₌50	\$2.75	\$3 -00	\$3 . 25
Two-party Line	3_00	2 . 25	2.75	3.00
Four-party Line	2.75	3.00	2-50	2.75
Ten-party Line	2.25	2.50	2.00	2-25
Extension (with or without bell)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

CONDITIONS:

(a) For service outside the Primary Rate Arca, see Mileage Rates, Schedule No. A-4.

(b) Extension equipment must be located in the same building as the primary station.

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EXCHANGE SERVICE - SCHEDULE NO. 4-5.

SUEURBAN SERVICE:

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Applicable to sururban party line service of not more than ten (10) parties per circuit, within the Exchange Area as shown on Map, Sheet No. C.R.C. 6-T, filed herewith, outside the Primary Rate Area.

RATE:

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Rate per Station per Month

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Class of Service	Business Wall Set	Service Desk Set	Residence Wall Set	Service Desk Set
Suburban Service	\$3.00	\$3.25	\$2.75	\$3.00 [°]
Extension (with or without bell)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1-00

CONDITIONS:

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(a) Extension equipment must be located in the same building as the primary station.