

Decision No. 21072.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
the SOUTHWESTERN HOME TELEPHONE
COMPANY, a corporation, for authority
to put into effect certain rates and
charges.

Application No. 15337.

A. N. Johns, for Applicant.

J. J. Deuel, for California Farm
Bureau Federation.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application, Southwestern Home Telephone Company asks authority to file and make effective a charge for hand set telephones in its Redlands Exchange.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held by Examiner Rowell, in Banning, on April 17, 1929, and the matter submitted for decision.

Mr. A. N. Johns, Vice President of the Southwestern Home Telephone Company, as a witness for applicant, stated that this service was desired by the public in the Redlands Exchange and that the rate therefor, which is higher than those for service with wall or desk telephone set, is justified on account of the higher first cost of the apparatus and the increased maintenance expense.

The charge for service with the hand set equipment should be higher than that with the use of wall or desk set for

the foregoing reasons and also in order to protect the great number of telephone subscribers from any burden created by the relatively few users of the hand sets. The differential between these rates is as low as any now effective in California and will be approved.

No objection to the granting of this application was made at the hearing.

O R D E R

Southwestern Home Telephone Company having made application to the Railroad Commission for authority to make effective a charge for hand set service, a hearing therein having been held, the matter having been submitted and now being ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southwestern Home Telephone Company be and it is hereby authorized to file with the Railroad Commission, on or before March 27, 1929, effective as of June 1, 1929, a rate for each hand set station which is fifty (50) cents higher than the wall set rate, provided that such rate will not be more than twenty-five (25) cents higher than the effective desk set rate.

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 10th day of May, 1929.

David L. Smith

Charles

Emmett

Commissioners.