

time the matter was submitted.

Applicant, P. E. Garmire, is serving some 53 subscribers over seven lines in and around Kent, which is the name designating Mr. Garmire's ranch. Mr. Garmire has no central office, but acts as agent for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company which maintains the central office and provides switching service for subscribers of the Kent Telephone System. Applicant, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, has no subscribers within the exchange other than its agent.

Applicant, P. E. Garmire, testified that the rates which he is now charging are \$1.00 per month for residence service and \$1.50 per month for business service. Ten-party service is furnished over grounded lines. The hours of service are not continuous but extend in general throughout the day and early evening. Witness stated that he was not in a position financially to improve the system, nor physically able to maintain it; that he desired to withdraw from the business of providing telephone service, and that he was willing to dispose of his properties for the sum of \$500.00.

Witness for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company stipulated the willingness on the part of his company to purchase the properties of P. E. Garmire for the sum above mentioned and to continue service to the present subscribers at the rates now effective but that new applicants for service would be expected to pay the rates and tariffs of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company now on file with the Commission for service in the area of the Kent Exchange. Statements were made that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, immediately upon consummation of the transfer, would establish full twenty-four hour service and reconstruct and convert all lines to full metallic circuits.

At the hearing in this proceeding The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company requested permission to move the central

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Decision No. 21117.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of P. E. Garmire, doing business under the name and style of KENT TELEPHONE SYSTEM, and THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a corporation, for an order authorizing P. E. Garmire to sell to The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company all of its telephone property adjacent to the town of Kent, Sutter County, California, and The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company to purchase and acquire the same, and P. E. Garmire to cease rendering telephone service.

Application No. 15469,

J. G. Marshall for Applicant, P. E. Garmire;

J. G. Marshall, for Applicant, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

P. E. Garmire, doing business under the name of Kent Telephone System, and The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, request an order of this Commission authorizing the former to sell to the latter all of his telephone properties in and around Kent, Sutter County, California, for the sum of \$500.00 and to withdraw from the business of furnishing telephone service and the latter to purchase said properties and to furnish telephone service in the area now served by Kent Telephone System.

A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Williams at San Francisco on April 22, 1929, at which place and

office from its present location on the ranch of P. E. Garmire, known as Kent, to the community of Meridian and to change the name of the exchange from Kent to Meridian. Further request was made for permission to re-align exchange boundaries to include within the proposed Meridian Exchange Area all locations served by P. E. Garmire.

Applicant, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, now maintains a Toll station at Meridian for which interexchange rates are on file. These rates differ somewhat from those effective for service to and from Kent.

No objection was made at the hearing to the granting the requests of applicants.

#### O R D E R

P. E. Garmire, doing business under the name of Kent Telephone System, and The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company having requested an order of the Railroad Commission authorizing the transfer of certain telephone properties from P. E. Garmire to The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for the sum of \$500.00 and further authorizing the former to withdraw from the business of furnishing telephone service in the vicinity of Kent and the latter to furnish telephone service in said territory, a public hearing having been held and the matter having been submitted and now <sup>being</sup>/~~ready~~ for decision,

The Railroad Commission finds as a fact that the interest of the public will be best served by authorizing this change in ownership, the proposed improvements in service, and the relocation of the central office, and basing its order on the foregoing findings of fact,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that P. E. Garmire be and he is hereby authorized to sell and that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company be and it is hereby authorized to purchase all of his telephone properties, more particularly described in the application herein, provided that:

1. The authority herein granted shall apply only to such transfer as shall have been made within thirty (30) days from and after the effective date of this order.
2. The sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), for which sum the properties are herein authorized to be transferred, shall not be urged before the Railroad Commission as the value of these properties for any other purpose than the transfer herein authorized.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company be and it is hereby authorized to furnish, on and after the date it acquires the telephone properties herein referred to, telephone service to the subscribers now served by P. E. Garmire at the rates charged by P. E. Garmire so long as there is no change in the status of said subscribers' service.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that P. E. Garmire be and he is hereby authorized to discontinue the furnishing of telephone service in the vicinity of Kent, Sutter County, California, on and after the date of the transfer of his telephone properties to The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and, to withdraw, as of that date his rates and tariffs for service.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company as of the date it acquires the properties referred to herein shall:

1. Move its central office and change the name of its exchange from Kent to Meridian.

2. Establish exchange service in the territory now served by P. E. Carmire at the exchange rates now on file for service in its Kent Exchange.

3. Establish interexchange and telegraph rates for service to and from its Meridian Exchange identical with those now on file for its toll station designated Meridian.

4. Cancel and withdraw the interexchange and telegraph rates now applicable for service to and from the point known as Kent, Sutter County, California.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company within fifteen days from and after the date it acquires the properties herein referred to shall file maps showing the exchange and primary rate area boundaries of its Meridian Exchange as proposed in applicant's Exhibit No. 2, filed at the hearing in this proceeding.

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1929.

Thos. S. Lovitt  
Chairman  
Wm. L. ...  
Leon Whitely  
W. J. ...  
Commissioners.