

Decision No. 21189.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
INTERSTATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY for a
certificate that public convenience
and necessity require the construc-
tion of an extension of its existing
system, to-wit: a telegraph and tel-
ephone line from the city of Barstow
to the towns of Daggett and Yermo,
San Bernardino County, California,
and for authority to file and make
effective rates for telegraph and
telephone service over said line.

Application No. 15589.

P. R. Ferguson and Henry W. Coyle,
for Applicant.

R. W. Palmer, for Public Utilities
California Corporation, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Interstate Telegraph Company herein requests the Com-
mission to grant a certificate that public convenience and necessity
require the extension of its service from the City of Barstow to
the towns of Daggett and Yermo and vicinity in San Bernardino
County.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by
Examiner Hanford at Los Angeles on May 21, 1929, the matter was
duly submitted, and is now ready for decision.

Interstate Telegraph Company is engaged in the business
of furnishing telegraph and telephone service to the public in the
Counties of Mono, Inyo, Kern, and San Bernardino, in the State of
California, and in certain territory in the State of Nevada.

P. R. Ferguson, witness for Interstate Telegraph Company, testified that applicant is able to finance the proposed extension out of its treasury.

J. H. Cameron, a witness for applicant, testified that it had in operation in the City of Barstow an automatic telephone exchange rendering 24-hour telephone service to all telephone stations. Applicant's project, as stated by this witness, is an extension of ten-party telephone service from the Barstow central office to Daggett and Yermo and vicinity, and it is not now proposed to build any toll telephone or telegraph line into this territory. Interstate Telegraph Company's investigation in Daggett and Yermo is reported to have shown that there were nine applicants for telephone service, in addition to the Southern Sierras Power Company, an affiliated company. It is stated that the project will require from seven to ten days to complete at a cost of \$9,000.

Mr. Cameron placed in evidence, in Exhibit No. 1, proposed rates for ten-party business and ten-party residence exchange telephone service which rates are applicable in zones. Applicant now has in effect similar rates for ten-party service, as herein proposed, for distances from one-half to five miles from the Barstow central office, but with a discount of fifty (50) cents per month if paid at the Company's office on or before the fifteenth of the month, in advance, and subject to a further discount of five (5) per cent if paid at the Company's office annually in advance.

Mr. R. W. Palmer, appearing for Public Utilities California Corporation, requested that testimony of Mr. Welch, given on April 18, 1929, in Application No. 15333 of Public Utilities California Corporation for a certificate, be considered in this proceeding and no objection was made to the granting of this request.

Subscribers to telephone service furnished by means of the proposed line would receive toll telephone service and telegraph service to outside points by means of connections therefor at Barstow and at the rates applicable to similar service furnished other subscribers of the Barstow Exchange.

We have fully considered the evidence herein and that to which reference has been made. It appears that exchange telephone service should be extended from the Barstow central office to Daggett and Yermo and vicinity. The rates shown in Exhibit No. 1 do not appear to be unreasonable for this service, provided the discounts which are now applicable to bills for ten-party service in Barstow are made effective in connection with the service herein authorized. The record shows justification for the granting of the certificate sought in conformity with the following order:

O R D E R

Interstate Telegraph Company having made application for a certificate in the above entitled proceeding, a public hearing having been held therein, the matter having been submitted and the Commission being fully advised,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require the extension of exchange telephone service from the central office in Barstow to the towns of Daggett and Yermo and vicinity; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and the same hereby is granted to Interstate Telegraph Company for the extension of exchange telephone service in accordance with the foregoing declaration and subject

to the following conditions:

Interstate Telegraph Company shall:

1. Establish exchange telephone service at the rates shown in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and hereby made a part hereof, within a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date hereof;
2. Submit to the Railroad Commission of the State of California for filing, the schedule of rates shown in Exhibit "A," attached hereto, not later than five (5) days prior to the establishment of said exchange service;
3. Submit to the Railroad Commission of the State of California, for filing, a map of its Barstow Exchange Area modified to include the territory of Daggett and Yermo and vicinity, not later than five (5) days prior to the establishment of said exchange service.

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 14th day of June, 1929.

Thos. S. Smith

C. L. Seely

Leon Whitwell

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Commissioners.

EXHIBIT "A"

R A T E S

EXCHANGE SERVICE SCHEDULE NO. _____

SUBURBAN SERVICE

BARSTOW.

SERVICE:

Applicable to Ten-Party Line Business and Residence Flat Rate Service furnished in the suburban area of the Barstow Exchange.

RATE:

	<u>Rate Per Month</u>	
	<u>Business Service</u>	<u>Residence Service</u>
Each Ten-Party Line Desk Set Station: Air line distance from Primary Rate Area Boundary:		
One and one-half miles or less.....	\$3.25	\$2.75
One and one-half to four and one-half miles.....	3.75	3.25
Four and one-half to nine and one-half miles.....	4.00	3.50
Nine and one-half to fourteen and one-half miles.....	4.50	4.00

Each Wall Set Station:

Rate for desk set station, less \$0.25 per month.

CONDITIONS:

The above rates are subject to a discount of fifty (50) cents per month if paid at the Company's office on or before the fifteenth of the month in advance, and to a further discount of five (5) per cent, if paid at the Company's office annually in advance.