Decision No. 21783

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Investigation ) upon the Commission's own motion ) into the rules, contracts, regulations and practices of Carl G. Bell, ) operating under the fictitious name ) and style of Colfax Telephone Exchange, in the printing, publication ) and distribution of directories, the ) inclusion of advertising matter and ) charges therefor in said directories.

Case No. 2751.

Carl G. Bell in propria persone.

BY THE COMMISSION:

## <u>OPINION</u>

In this proceeding, the Railroad Commission, on its own motion, instituted an investigation into the practices of Carl G. Bell, operating under the fictitious name and style of Colfax Telephone Exchange, relative to the filing of schedules of rates and charges for advertising service in telephone directories furnished his customers.

On September 20, 1926, the Commission issued its General Order No. 74 ordering California telephone public utilities to file their schedules of rates and charges for classified listings and advertising service of their telephone directories, effective January 1, 1927. The time within which such schedules should be filed was subsequently extended to September 1, 1927. Carl G. Bell did not file rate schedules in compliance with the CommissionIs General Order and failed to make proper filing after repeated letters from the Commission, whereupon the instant Case was instituted.

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A hearing was held in this matter in San Francisco on October 21, 1929, by Examiner Williams.

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Carl G. Bell, in open hearing, stated that he would file his schedules of rates for directory advertising service promptly thereafter; whereupon, ten (10) days were allowed for such filing before submission of the matter for decision. On October 31, 1929, Carl G. Bell complied with the directions and orders of the Commission in the instant matter.

The Reilroad Commission will expect Carl G. Bell to obey its mandates fully and more promptly in the future, especially so since he has been thoroughly instructed relative to the public utility requirements of this Commission.

This complaint may now be dismissed.

## <u>O R D E R</u>

The Railroad Commission having instituted a proceeding on its own motion inquiring into the practices of Carl G. Bell in the inclusion of advertising matter in his telephone directories and the charges therefor, a hearing having been held and the Commission now being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the complaint herein be and the same is hereby dismissed.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this /3 day of November, 1929.

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