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Decision No. _____

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION
and RIVERSIDE COUNTY FARM BUREAU,

Complainants.

vs.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE COM-
PANY, a corporation, and SOUTH-
WESTERN HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY, a
corporation,

Defendants.

ORIGINAL

Case No. 2959.

In the Matter of the Application of
the SOUTHWESTERN HOME TELEPHONE COM-
PANY, a corporation, for a certificate
authorizing the establishment of a
separate Telephone Exchange Area to
serve the Moreno-Alessandro Valley,
and authorizing Applicant to publish,
file and make effective rates for
telephone service in connection with
this proposed new exchange area.

Application No. 17115.

J. J. Deuel, L. S. Wing and Albert A. James,
for California Farm Bureau Federation and
Riverside County Farm Bureau, Complainants.

James G. Marshall, for Southern California Tele-
phone Company, Defendant.

Frank V. Rhodes and Bacigalupi, Elkus and Salinger,
by Frank B. Austin, for Southwestern Home Tele-
phone Company, Defendant and Applicant.

Captain Edward F. French and Lieutenant Charles
Downman, for the United States Army, Interested
Party.

HARRIS, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

In the complaint herein California Farm Bureau Federation

and Riverside County Farm Bureau join and allege that a certain area shown on a map, designated as Exhibit "A", attached to the complaint, should be transferred from the Perris Exchange Area of Southwestern Home Telephone Company to the Riverside Exchange Area of the Southern California Telephone Company.

Southern California Telephone Company and Southwestern Home Telephone Company, each and separately, filed an answer to the complaint, in general denial of the allegations made by complainants and requesting its dismissal.

In Application No. 17115 defendant, Southwestern Home Telephone Company, asks the Commission for authority to establish a separate exchange to serve the Moreno-Alessandro Valley, substantially the same territory referred to in the complaint.

At the hearing held at Moreno on February 18, 1931, these matters were consolidated for the purpose of receiving testimony and for decision.

Evidence in the application was heard first, it appearing that this was of the nature of a tender of satisfaction.

F. V. Rhodes, Vice President of Southwestern Company, as a witness, related the particulars of the proposal of said Company to establish an exchange at Moreno with certain base rate area and exchange area boundaries, rates and conditions of service.

The proposed area is situated between Riverside and Perris, all in Riverside County. Several years ago this territory formed the Armada Exchange, connected by toll lines to Riverside and other outside points. At the present time it is part of the Perris Exchange Area. In this section are several small scattered community developments with considerable requirement for local intercommunication. The United States Army Aviation

Post, March Field, is also located in the proposed exchange area. The Southwestern Company desires to install an automatic central office, metallic lines and dial telephones at the subscribers' stations. Although there are but thirteen present subscribers in the proposed exchange area, it is expected that this number will be increased to at least forty at the opening of the exchange. With an estimated plant investment of approximately \$10,000.00, the revenues would be expected to amount to \$1,300.00 and the expenses to \$1,120.00 per year, resulting in a small return on the investment. Upon cross-examination, Mr. Rhodes, for the Southwestern Company, agreed to certain boundary changes and concessions in the application of the line extension rule. It was conceded that persons applying for service regularly, not later than sixty days after an order of the Commission was made, would be entitled to the line extension concession.

W. L. Kietzman, General Tariff Engineer for Southern California Telephone Company, testified that the distance between Moreno and Riverside is ten air-line miles and that the proposed day station-to-station rate is ten cents for an initial period of five minutes and five cents for each three minutes of the overtime period, computed on the basis generally effective in California. Toll interexchange service between Moreno and outside points is proposed to be furnished by the Southern California Telephone Company at these and other rates computed on the same basis.

The Southern California Company is willing to cooperate with the Southwestern Company in furnishing Riverside foreign exchange service in the proposed Moreno Exchange.

Albert A. James, principal witness for Complainants,

related the need of the Moreno-Alessandro Valley for more adequate service and the desire of the public for so-called free service between the Valley and Riverside. In his opinion, a larger number of the citizens would take telephone service if the rate for toll service between the Valley and Riverside were five cents per message instead of the regularly computed rate of ten cents. Mr. James stated he had no personal objection to the ten cent rate.

Captain Edward F. French and Lieutenant Charles H. Dowman testified relative to the desire of the United States Government to have the March Field Post area transferred to the Riverside Exchange Area. The Post now has three toll lines from Riverside connected to the Government owned switchboard at March Field. Under the proposal of the Southwestern Company, the Government will be able to continue its present service or secure local Moreno service and Riverside service on a foreign exchange basis.

After a careful review of the facts and evidence in this proceeding, I am of the opinion that the best interests of the public will be conserved by the establishment of a separate exchange in the Moreno-Alessandro Valley, a ten cent charge for station-to-station messages between Moreno and Riverside, exchange rates as proposed, a base rate area one mile square, and an exchange area bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of Reche Canyon Road with the east boundary of the Riverside Exchange; thence south, west and south along the common boundary of the Perris and Riverside exchanges to the point of its intersection

with the south boundary of T.3 S.; thence east along the south boundary of T.3 S. to the point of its intersection with the common boundary of the Perris and San Jacinto-Hemet exchanges; thence northwestward, north and east along the common boundary of the Perris and San Jacinto-Hemet exchanges to the point of its intersection with the Redlands exchange boundary; thence northwesterly along the common boundary of the Perris and Redlands exchanges to the southeast corner of Section 6, T.3 S., R.2 W.; thence north along the east boundary and west along the north boundary of Section 6 to the point of its intersection with the common boundary of the Perris and Redlands exchanges; thence northwesterly along said common boundary to the point of its intersection with the east boundary of Section 35, T.2 S., R.3 W.; thence north along the east boundary of Sections 35 and 26 to the northeast corner of Section 26; thence west along the north boundary of Sections 26, 27 and 28 to the point of its intersection with the common boundary of the Perris and Redlands exchanges; thence northwesterly along said common boundary to the point of beginning.

I recommend the following form of order:

ORDER

Complaint having been made by California Farm Bureau Federation and Riverside County Farm Bureau against Southern California Telephone Company and Southwestern Home Telephone Company; answers having been filed therein; Southwestern Home Telephone Company having made application for a certificate to establish an exchange at Moreno; a public hearing having been held; the matter having been taken under submission and careful consideration having been given to the matters and things at issue,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby finds as a fact that Southwestern Home Telephone Company should establish an exchange at Moreno with standard toll rates

for interexchange service and; basing its order on the foregoing finding of fact and such other findings of fact and conclusions as appear in the opinion which precedes this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southwestern Home Telephone Company shall

- (1) Establish and place in operation, within six (6) months from and after the date of this order, an automatic telephone system at Moreno, Riverside County, with continuous twenty-four (24) hour service in the exchange area and with a base rate area, both areas particularly described in the opinion which precedes this order.
- (2) Establish rates for local exchange telephone service in the proposed exchange, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and such other exchange telephone rates as may be approved, effective on and after the date of the establishment of said exchange.
- (3) Submit to the Railroad Commission for filing maps showing exchange and base rate area boundaries, exchange telephone rates and rules and regulations governing telephone service in Moreno Exchange, as referred to in (1) and (2) above, on or before the tenth day immediately preceding the date of the establishment of said exchange.
- (4) Discontinue all Perris local exchange telephone service in the Moreno Exchange area as of the date of the establishment of Moreno Exchange, except as the same may be furnished under Foreign Exchange schedules.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Southern California Telephone Company shall establish toll telephone service between the Moreno Exchange and other exchanges and toll points at rates constructed on the basis generally used in the State of California, effective on and after the date of the establishment of Moreno Exchange.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the complaint of California Farm Bureau Federation and Riverside County Farm

Bureau, Case No. 2959, be and it is hereby dismissed.

For all other purposes, the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of March, 1931.

C. C. Conway
Leon A. White
M. J. Carr
M. B. Kain
Fred G. Stewart
 Commissioners.

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EXHIBIT "A"

RATES

EXCHANGE SERVICE SCHEDULE NO.INDIVIDUAL LINE AND PARTY LINE SERVICEMORENOSERVICE:

Applicable to business and residence individual line and eight-party line flat rate service furnished within the Base Rate Area of the Moreno Exchange.

RATE:

| | <u>Rate per Month</u> |
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| (1) Business Flat Rate Service: | |
| Each individual line desk set station, | \$4.25 |
| Each eight-party line desk set station, | 3.75 |
| Each extension desk set station (with or without bell), | 1.25* |
| (2) Residence Flat Rate Service: | |
| Each individual line desk set station, | 3.25 |
| Each eight-party line desk set station, | 2.75 |
| Each extension desk set station (with or without bell), | 1.25* |

Each wall set station - desk set station rate,
less \$0.25 per month.

Each hand set station, desk set station rate,
plus \$0.25 per month.

CONDITIONS:

(1) A discount of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) is allowed on all rates except those marked with an (*) if payment of entire bill for service is made on or before the tenth of the current month.

(2) Eight-party line business and residence service will be provided throughout the Exchange Area at the above rates.

(3) Individual line business and residence service will be provided outside the Base Rate Area and within the Exchange Area at the above rates and mileage charges.

(4) Extension stations at the above rates are installed on the premises on which the primary station is located. The above rates and mileage rates are applicable to off-premises extension stations.

EXCHANGE SERVICE SCHEDULE NO.

OWNER SERVICES

MORENO

Other rates and charges as may be approved.