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Decision No. 24867

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
C. F. MASON
doing business under the fictitious
name and style of Antelope Valley
Telephone Company for authority to
sell his telephone property and re-
tire from the telephone business,
and of ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE COMPANY,
LTD. to purchase said property and
render telephone service in the
territory involved.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 18249

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding the Commission is asked to make its order authorizing C. F. Mason, who owns and operates a telephone system at Lancaster, Los Angeles County, under the fictitious name of Antelope Valley Telephone Company, to sell his telephone properties to the Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. The Commission is further asked to authorize said C. F. Mason to withdraw from the telephone business and to permit Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. to purchase the aforesaid properties and render telephone service in the territory now served by Antelope Valley Telephone Company.

The properties which C. F. Mason asks permission to sell were acquired by him under the authority granted by Decision No. 23686 dated May 11, 1931 in Application No. 17322.

The assets and liabilities of the Antelope Valley Telephone Company as of May 31, 1932, are reported as follows:-

| <u>A S S E T S</u> | |
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| Plant and properties | \$56,655.80 |
| Cash | 538.67 |
| Due from subscribers and agents | 2,175.63 |
| Miscellaneous accounts receivable | 26.50 |
| Materials and supplies | <u>949.00</u> |
| Total assets..... | <u>\$60,345.60</u> |
| <u>L I A B I L I T I E S</u> | |
| Proprietor's investment | \$41,655.63 |
| Miscellaneous accounts payable | 654.67 |
| Service billed in advance | 93.25 |
| Taxes accrued | 353.25 |
| Inter-company accounts | 1,068.03 |
| Reserve for accrued depreciation | 15,271.12 |
| Reserve for uncollectibles | 40.65 |
| Other deferred credit items | <u>1,209.00</u> |
| Total liabilities..... | <u>\$60,345.60</u> |

The properties are to be transferred to the Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. for the consideration of \$41,655.63 plus the assumption by the purchaser of all the liabilities of the vendor. For 1931 the telephone properties which are the subject matter of this application produced operating revenues in the amount of \$13,457.28. Part of the year the same were operated by O. R. Goodrich and for a portion of the year by C. F. Mason. A description of the properties is contained in Exhibit "C" filed in this proceeding.

C. F. Mason is vice president and general manager of Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. The transfer of the properties will not result in any change in the manner in which these properties have been operated. The rates now in effect will continue in effect until a change is authorized by the Commission.

The Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. does not at this time ask permission to issue any stock or evidence of indebtedness for the purpose of paying for the properties.

O R D E R

The Commission having been asked to enter its order, as indicated in the foregoing opinion, having considered the request of applicants and being of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary, and that this application should be granted as herein provided, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:-

1. C. F. Mason may on or before September 1, 1932, sell and transfer to the Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., his telephone properties in Lancaster and vicinity operated under the fictitious name of Antelope Valley Telephone Company, and more particularly described in Exhibit "C" filed in this proceeding, and retire from the telephone business in the territory now served by said properties.
2. Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. may purchase the aforementioned telephone properties from C. F. Mason and may render telephone service in the territory which is being served by said telephone properties.
3. The consideration which Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. will pay for the aforesaid properties shall not be urged before this Commission as determining the value of said properties for any purpose other than the transfer herein authorized.

4. Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. shall, within thirty (30) days after acquiring the aforesaid properties, file with the Railroad Commission a certified copy of the deed and the bill of sale under which it acquires and holds title to said properties.

DATED at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of July 1932.

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C. L. Kearney

W. J. Quinn

Fred G. Stewart
Commissioners.