

Decision No. 25775

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
ELIZABETH GRIGSBY and CLARICE WOOD
to sell and W. GILMAN SNYDER to pur-
chase the so-called Volcano Telephone
Lines and telephone business and all
property appertaining to same.)

) Application No. 18747

Snyder and Snyder, by William G. Snyder,
for applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Applicants Elizabeth Grigsby and Clarice Wood, as successors by descent of Joseph Lagomarsino, deceased, are at present engaged in the operation of the so-called Volcano Telephone Lines which extend from the City of Jackson to and serve the communities in the vicinity of Pine Grove and Volcano in Amador County and West Point and Railroad Flat in Calaveras County and thence extend to Mokelumne Hill in Calaveras County.

It appears from the application that the telephone lines are in bad condition and should be reconstructed. It further appears that the Pacific Gas and Electric Company has recently extended its power lines from Jackson to Volcano and has paralleled the telephone lines to a considerable extent with a 17 K.V. power line, which has caused material inductive interference with the telephone service. It is of record that the present owners are not in a position to finance the necessary repairs and reconstruct the telephone lines. They propose to sell their telephone properties to W. Gilman Snyder for the sum of \$3,000.00 cash.

It is represented that the purchaser has had experience in telephone service and work and will immediately proceed with the work of putting the telephone lines in suitable condition to give satisfactory service to the patrons thereof.

Under the agreement of sale, a copy of which is filed in this proceeding as Exhibit "A", all accounts for telephone service heretofore rendered and all cash on hand will remain the properties of the vendors; likewise, all accounts now owing by the vendors will remain their liability.

The operating revenues and operating expenses of the Volcano Telephone Lines for the past three years have been reported as follows:

Item	1932	1931	1930
Operating revenues.....	\$2,213.83	\$2,378.24	\$2,452.90
Operating expenses and taxes:	2,325.89	1,907.95	2,026.61
Telephone operating income:	\$ 112.06*	\$ 470.29	\$ 426.29

* Loss

For 1932 the vendors report 62 subscribers, for 1931, 66 and for 1930, 78.

It is of course understood that the purchaser will continue to charge the same rates as now charged by the vendors until such time as a change is authorized by the Commission.

ORDER

The Commission has considered applicants' request and believes this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that this application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Elizabeth Grigsby and Clerice Wood be, and they are hereby, authorized to sell, on or before July 1,

1933, and W. Gilman Snyder is hereby authorized to purchase and operate the so-called Volcano Telephone Lines and telephone business, referred to in this application, such sale to be made pursuant to the agreement filed in this proceeding as Exhibit "A".

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that the authority herein granted is subject to the condition that the consideration paid by W. Gilman Snyder 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.

DATED at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of March, 1933.

C. C. Leaver
Leon White
M. A. Cunn
M. B. Harris
W. B. Harris

Commissioners.