

Decision No. 10415

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of THE PLACERVILLE TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a corporation, and THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, for an order authorizing The Placerville Telephone and Telegraph Company to sell to The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company all of its telephone property in and adjacent to Placerville, El Dorado County, California, and The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company to purchase and acquire the same.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 7473.

Wm. F. Bray for The Placerville
Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro, by J. T.
Shaw and B. F. Rabinowitz, for
The Pacific Telephone and Tele-
graph Company.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

Public hearings were held by Examiner Westover at Placerville and San Francisco upon the above entitled application seeking authority to transfer to The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company a telephone exchange in and about Placerville.

The proposed purchase price is \$13,000.00, which appears from the testimony herein to be reasonable. The Placerville Telephone and Telegraph Company wishes to retire from business and The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is ready, willing and able to operate the property in connection with its statewide service. The Pacific Company proposes to continue the present rates in effect.

It appears from the testimony that service is unsatisfactory on account of the condition of the exchange property, as well as that of the farmer lines securing service from this exchange and on account of the fact that the company has not provided sufficient facilities to handle all business offered to it. A considerable number of instances exist in which more subscribers are connected with lines than is permitted by the grade of service for which they are paying. The above described condition makes necessary considerable reconstruction and rearrangement of present facilities and additions to plant and equipment, which The Pacific Company has agreed to complete within the time specified in the order.

ORDER

Public hearings having been held upon the above entitled application, the matter being submitted and now ready for decision.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Placerville Telephone and Telegraph Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to transfer to The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, a corporation, the telephone property owned and operated by the former in and about Placerville in El Dorado County, and more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached to the application, for the consideration of \$13,000.00; and as soon as the purchasing company has taken possession and is operating the property, the selling company is hereby authorized to discontinue service by means of said property.

The authority herein contained is granted upon the following conditions:

- (1) Any transfer made hereunder shall be made within 60 days from the date hereof, and within 10 days after execution and delivery of any instrument of transfer the purchaser shall file

with the Commission a copy thereof.

(2) Nothing herein contained shall be construed as a finding of value of said property to be transferred for any purpose other than the purposes set forth in the application herein.

(3) The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company shall operate said property at rates under which it is now operated until the further order of the Commission.

(4) The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company shall, within 90 days from the date hereof, place said property in good working condition and provide facilities to handle all business offered to it; within 120 days from the date hereof it shall have removed all instances in which more stations are connected to a line than are permitted in the highest grade of service furnished on that line; and within 6 months from date hereof shall have placed the entire Placerville exchange in good working condition.

(5) It appearing to the Commission from the testimony herein that, in order to furnish good service, it is necessary that the farmer lines be brought to a satisfactory standard of construction, and that 9 months from the date hereof should be sufficient time to be allowed for that purpose; The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is, therefore, directed to notify the owners of farmer lines of the desire of the Commission to have farmer line construction brought to the standard recommended by the Commission within a period of 9 months from the date hereof; and to co-operate with the owners of farmer lines to bring about within said period such standardized construction.

This matter is reserved for further supplementary orders herein relating to standardized construction of farmer lines.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th day of May, 1922.

H. B. Brundage

Charles A. Lawrence

W. F. Denison

Commissioners.