

Decision No. 11371

ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of)
the POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY)
for authority to close its office in) Application No. 8345.
Visalia, Cal., on October 31, 1922,)
in the State of California.)

J. C. Ward for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

A public hearing was held by Examiner Westover at Visalia upon the above application to discontinue telegraph service in Visalia.

It appears from the testimony that the office is the only one maintained by applicant in Tulare County and cannot well compete for local business. Mr. West, the oldest operator in the nation, who taught Thos. A. Edison his Morse alphabet, wishes to retire, and the applicant has not been able to procure services of another operator on a commission basis, the only one on which continued operation is justifiable.

For the first ten months of 1922 the gross receipts were \$505.05 and the operating expenses were \$424.23. Both figures include the government tax.

Western Union service is available at Visalia, reaching all the territory served by applicant and more, so that the public will not suffer by granting the application.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held on the above entitled application, the matter being submitted and now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Postal Telegraph Cable Company be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue telegraph service to and from Visalia, at once.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22^d day of December, 1922.

H. B. ...
Iving Martin

J. B. ...

Commissioners.