

Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application of J. A. Tower doing business under the name and style of Calaveras Telephone Company for an order authorizing certain toll rates.

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) Application No. 2299.  
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BY THE COMMISSION.

## O P I N I O N .

This is an application of J. A. Tower doing business under the name and style of Calaveras Telephone Company, for authority to establish certain toll rates.

Applicant, as the owner and operator of a telephone system in the western portion of Calaveras County, petitioned this Commission under Application No. 1929 for authority to increase certain rates on its toll lines running from Felix to Milton and from Felix to Angels Camp. A public hearing was held on said application, and on May 13, 1916, the Commission rendered its Opinion and Order (Decision No. 3333), under which practically all the facts and conclusions necessary for the present decision are fully set forth. The Commission found that the applicant's existing rates were non-compensatory and unreasonable, but inasmuch as applicant was at that time charging rates that were discriminatory as between subscribers and non-subscribers, and inasmuch as the rates requested were open to the same objection, the Commission denied the application

without prejudice and ordered applicant to remove the existing discriminations.

The present application is brought for the purpose of having the following rates established for toll service, said rates to be in addition to the regular monthly rentals, and to apply alike to subscribers and non-subscribers, viz:

Up to and including 14 miles, 10¢ for the first 2 minutes or fraction thereof and 5¢ for each additional minute or fraction thereof.

Over 14 miles and up to and including 29 miles, 15¢ for the first 2 minutes or fraction thereof and 5¢ for each additional minute or fraction thereof.

Applicant has two toll lines, one running from Felix to Milton and one from Felix to Angels Camp. The Commission finds by scaling from U. S. Post Route Maps that the air-line distances between the points hereinafter mentioned are as follows:

From Felix to Milton  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles;  
From Felix to Angels Camp 10 miles;  
From Milton to Angels Camp  $17\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

Applicant testified that the distances were somewhat greater than those above set forth, but this was probably due to the fact that he confused the length of his telephone lines with the air-line distances. Applicant does not ask for any increase of his local exchange service rates or of his telegraph rates, both of which are set forth in Decision No. 3333 (supra).

Under all the circumstances we find that the application is a reasonable one and should be granted.

O R D E R.

J. A. Tower doing business under the name and style of

Calaveras Telephone Company, having applied to this Commission for an order authorizing the establishment of certain rates for toll service upon his telephone system as set forth in the foregoing opinion, and a public hearing having been held upon said application,

This Commission hereby finds as a fact that the existing rates are non-compensatory and unreasonable, and that the rates herein authorized are just and reasonable. Basing its conclusions upon the foregoing findings of fact and upon the further findings, which are contained in the opinion which precedes this order and also in this Commission's Decision No. 3333,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant be and he is hereby authorized to establish the following rates, to apply alike to subscribers and non-subscribers, viz:

For telephoning over applicant's toll lines for distances up to and including fourteen (14) miles, 10¢ for the first 2 minutes or fraction thereof and 5¢ for each additional minute or fraction thereof.

For telephoning over applicant's toll lines for distances over fourteen (14) miles up to and including twenty-nine (29) miles, 15¢ for the first 2 minutes or fraction thereof and 5¢ for each additional minute or fraction thereof.

All distances are to be computed upon the basis of air-line measurement.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the rates herein authorized shall not become effective before July 1, 1916, nor until applicant has filed in duplicate with this Commis-

sion , a schedule of said new rates showing the respective charges to be made on calls between all points upon his toll lines.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of June, 1916.

Max Theless  
H. D. Rossland  
W. J. Gordon  
Edwin O. Edgerton

Commissioners.