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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application of MEVADA, CALIFORNIA & OREGON TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE COMPANY to issue bonds of the face value of \$15,000.00.

ORIGIMAL
Application No. 2559.

Scott Hendricks for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

OPINION.

This is an application by Nevada, California & Oregon Telegraph & Telephone Company, a Nevada corporation, engaged in conducting a general telegraph and telephone business in Lassen and Modoc Counties, California, and also in portions of the states of Nevada and Oregon, for authority to issue \$15,000.00 of its 6 per cent bonds, maturing April 1, 1954, at not less than 80% of their face value for the purposes of installing a toll line in Modoc County between Alturas and Cedarville, installing an exchange in Cedarville, and reimbursing its treasury.

A public hearing was held in San Francisco July 11, 1916. From the evidence it appears that both from the point of view of applicant, and from that of its consumers, it is desirable to replace the present line between Alturas and Cedarville with a new toll line and to install an exchange in Cedarville, the present single galvanized iron wire line being of such light construction that it is unable to withstand the snow load and other strains on the mountain range over which it passes, resulting in poor service and excessive maintenance charges. Applicant estimates that the new toll

line will cost approximately \$6,000.00, while the present line - which is carried on applicant's books at \$1200.00 - will have a salvage value of from \$300.00 to \$500.00. Estimating the salvage value at \$400.00, it thus appears that there will be \$800.00 to be written off applicant's capital account in a manner satisfactory to this Commission.

Applicant's capital stock authorized by its Articles of Incorporation and the amount thereof outstanding is as follows:

Capital Stock	Authorized (Par Value)	Outstanding (Par Value)
First preferred	\$ 55,000-00	\$42,294.00
Second preferred	20,000.00	15,217.00
Common	225,000.00	45,000.00
	Total par value of stock outstanding	\$102,511.00

Applicant also has an authorized bonded indebtedness of \$200,000, represented by first mortgage 6-per cent sinking fund 40-year gold bonds, of which \$55,000 face value have been issued; and two 8-per cent promissory notes upon which applicant at present owes a total of \$11,023.46. Of the bonds issued \$12,300 face value are pledged by applicant as security for one of the notes above referred to and \$42,700 face value have been sold to investors.

Applicant's Income Statement for the last two years is as follows:

	1915	1914
Telephone Cperating Revenues	\$28,554.46	022,909.09
Telephone Cperating Expenses	19,485.46	16,207.14
Net Operating Revenue	9,069.00	6,701.95
Non-Operating Revenue	221.25	292.02
Gross Corporate Income	9,290.25	6,993.97

Brought Forward	\$9,290.25	\$6,993.97
Deductions from Income:	• .	
	1915	1914
Interest on Funded Debt Other Interest Taxes Rent Amortization Miscellaneous	\$2,030.42 1,554.31 1,174.32 1,069.55 66.36 420.48	\$1,575.00 997.61 840.93 734.58 50.67 213.05
Total Deductions	6,315.44	4,411.84
Not Income	2,974.81	2,582.13

Applicant submitted the following balance sheet as of December 31, 1915.

BALANCE SHEET

of

NEVADA, CALIFORNIA & OREGON TEL. & TEL. CO.
As of December 31, 1915.

Assets

Fixed Capital Installed prior to Jan. 1, 1914 65,254.25 Fixed Capital Installed since Dec. 31, 1913 92,062.71 Total Fixed Capital \$\frac{9157}{316.96}\$ Reserve for accrued depreciation, Cr 4,980.87 Reserve for amortization of Intangible Capital, Cr 69.99 Total Credit \$\frac{5}{5},050.86\$	
Total Credit \$ 5,050.86	
Not Investment in Fixed Capital	152,266.10
Cash Bills Receivable Due from subscribers and agents Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable Laterials and Supplies Total Working Assets	3,167.15 6,644.43
Prepayments	,
Total Deforred Debit Items	2,672.31
TOTAL ASSETS	L64,749.99

Balance Sheet (Cont'd)

Lisbilities

Capital Stock Funded Debt	\$102,511.00 42,700.00
Other Current Taxes Accrued	Liabilities not due
	Total Working Liabilities ,
-	Corporate Surplus Unappropriated 3,580.50
	TOTAL LIABILITIES

Applicant introduced a statement supported by ovidence at the hearing to the effect that it had expended from its income upon capital expenditures between April 1, 1914 and December 31, 1915 the sum of \$3,606.77 for which it requests permission to reimburse its treasury out of the proposed issue.

while applicant wishes to sell these bonds upon a basis which will yield the purchasers an unusually high rate of interest, evidence was introduced to the effect that the prevailing rate of interest for good loans in the territory served by applicant is not less than 8 per cent per annum, and both the treasurer and the president of the company stated that they would use their best efforts to obtain the highest possible price for these bonds. No arrangements have as yet been made for their sale, but the company's officers hope to dispose of the bonds principally among the company's subscribers.

Under all the circumstances we find that the application should be granted.

ORDER.

Novada, California & Oregon Telegraph & Telephone

Company having applied to the Railroad Commission for authority to issue 150 of its first mortgage 40-year 6-per cent gold bonds, of the face value of \$100.00 each, at not less than \$80.00 per bond, and a public hearing having been held, and this Commission finding that the purposes for which said bonds or the proceeds thereof are to be used are not in whole or in part reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income and that the application should be granted, subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Neveda, California & Oregon Telegraph & Telephone Company be and the same is hereby anthorized to issue \$15,000.00 face value of said bonds.

The authority herein granted is granted upon the following conditions and not otherwise:

- (1) Nevada, California & Oregon Telegraph & Telephone Company shall issue said bonds so as to net said company not less than 80% of the face value of the principal thereof in addition to accrued interest thereon.
- (2) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized to be issued shall be applied substantially as follows:

 - - (c) To reimburse applicant's treas-

- (3) The authority herein granted to issue bonds shall apply only to such bonds as shall be issued on or before June 30, 1917.
- (4) Within 60 days from the date of this order applicant shall submit a plan satisfactory to this Commission for the amortization of the difference between the salvage value of the present line between Alturas and Cedarville and the amount at which said line is now carried on books of the company.
- phono Company shall keep separate, true and accurate accounts showing the receipt and application in detail of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds herein authorized to be issued; and on or before the 25th day of each month the company shall make verified reports to this Commission setting forth the sale or sales during the preceding month, the terms and conditions of the sale, the moneys realized therefrom and the use and application of such moneys, all in accordance with this

Commission's General Crder No. 24, which order insofar as applicable is made a part of this order.

(6) This order shall not become effective until the fee prescribed by Section 57 of the Public Utilities Act has been paid.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 214.
day of July, 1916.

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