

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

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Decision No. 3698

In the matter of the application of )  
Reedley Telephone Company for an )  
order extending time for compliance ) Application No. 2414  
with Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as )  
amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915. )

A. Terkel for Reedley Telephone Company.  
J. Morgenthaler and William Rhys for  
Electric Workers.

HELEN and DEVLIN, Commissioners.

O P I N I O N

This is a petition for an order extending the time for compliance with the provisions of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915, referring to the construction, reconstruction, maintenance and use of electric poles, wires, cables and appliances.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held in San Francisco on July 18, 1916.

For a statement of the law governing proceedings of this character and of the principles guiding the Railroad Commission in its decision therein, reference is hereby made to the decision this day rendered in Application No. 2222, Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation et al.

Petitioner owns and operates a telephone system in the City of Reedley, Fresno County, and in unincorporated territory within a radius of five miles from the center of the city.

Mr. A. Terkel, petitioner's President, testified that the present owners acquired the property in 1913, prior to which time the former owners made no effort to comply with the statute. All new work and all reconstruction subsequent to 1913 has been

done in compliance with the statute. The principal violations of the statute at the present time are in the matter of horizontal clearances, the insulation of guy wires and the insulation of riser cables on poles.

Mr. Terkel testified that it will cost approximately \$475.00 to complete the work. Mr. Terkel testified that the company does not employ a regular lineman and that most of the maintenance work falls on himself.

A detailed estimate of the work necessary to be done has been submitted and is satisfactory in form. Petitioner's business is small and its construction does not reveal any unusual hazard.

Petitioner asks for an extension of two years.

After careful consideration of all the factors entering into the problem, we have reached the conclusion that an extension of time until December 31, 1917 should be granted to petitioner, on the conditions specified in the order herein.

We submit the following form of order:

#### O R D E R

Roedley Telephone Company having applied for an order extending the time within which to comply with the provisions of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915, and a public hearing having been hold,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The time within which petitioner herein shall reconstruct its existing system so as to comply completely with the provisions of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915, is hereby extended to and including December 31, 1917, on condition that at least one-half

of the reconstruction work necessary to be done shall be completed on or before June 30, 1917, and the entire work on or before December 31, 1917.

2. At the times herein directed, petitioner shall file with the Railroad Commission, on forms to be supplied by the Railroad Commission, progress reports showing, in such detail as will be prescribed by the Railroad Commission, the extent to which the necessary reconstruction work has been performed during the period covered by the report and also the extent to which reconstruction work remains to be done in order that the property will comply with the provisions of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915. The first report shall cover the period ending December 31, 1916, and shall be filed with the Railroad Commission within fifteen days subsequent thereto. The succeeding reports shall cover the succeeding six months' periods, respectively, and shall be filed on or before the expiration of fifteen days after the termination of each such succeeding period of six months.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1916.

Max Thelem  
H. B. Boulevard  
Edwin O. Edgerton  
Francis R. Barber

Commissioners