

Decision No. _____

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Decision No. 3703

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| In the matter of the application of Corona Home Telephone and Telegraph Company for an order extending time for compliance with Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915. |))))))) | Application No. 2426 |
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Walter S. Clayson for Corona Home Telephone
and Telegraph Company.
J. Morgenthauer, H. G. Greene and C. W.
McAlpin for Electric Workers.

THELEN 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 Los Angeles on July 19, 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 and adjacent to the City of Corona, Riverside County.

Mr. L. Lambeth, testifying in behalf of petitioner, stated that on the effective date of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, approximately 20 per cent of petitioner's system complied with the statute and that at the present time approximately 50 per

cent of the system still fails to comply with Chapter 499, Laws of 1911. The principal violations are with respect to the 13-inch horizontal clearances and the insulation of guy wires.

Mr. Lambeth made a rough estimate of between \$1,700.00 and \$2,000.00 as being the expenditure necessary to be incurred to remove all the violations of the statute.

Petitioner asked for an extension of five years. This request was made on the assumption that the work ^{will} be done by Mr. Lambeth and one lineman regularly employed by petitioner. He testified that the work could be completed in two years. We are satisfied from the record that if ~~an effort is~~ made to complete the work it can be done in considerably less than two years, and that the expenditure will be considerably less than the amount estimated by petitioner.

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

Corona Home Telephone and Telegraph 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 held,

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 26th day of September, 1916.

Max Thelen
H. D. Rowland
Edwin O. Edgerton
Francis R. Decker

Commissioners