

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 3733

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application)
of SAN FERNANDO VALLEY HOME TELE-)
PHONE COMPANY for an order extending)
time for compliance with Chapter) Application No. 2446.
499, Laws of 1911, as amended by)
Chapter 600, Laws of 1915.)

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.

For a statement of the law governing proceedings of this character and of the principles guiding the Railroad Commission in its decisions therein, reference is hereby made to the decision rendered on September 26, 1916, in Application No. 2222, Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation, et al.

Petitioner transacts a general telephone business in the City of Glendale and in the towns of Burbank and Lankershim and adjoining territory in Los Angeles County.

A letter dated September 18, 1916, from petitioner states that the ~~present~~ management of petitioner was entirely changed on or about April 1, 1915, and that the present management estimates that approximately 35 per cent of the system failed to comply with the provisions of the statute, ^{on April 22, 1911;} that approximately 50 per cent of petitioner's system now complies with the statute and that the principal violations are with reference to wire clearances and the proper insulation of guy wires; that petitioner estimates that an expenditure of approximately \$2500.00 will be necessary to remove the existing violations of the statute, of which

expenditure the principal item would be for labor; and that under forced conditions, all violations of the statute could be removed within six months. Petitioner, however, states that it is gradually rebuilding its entire system, and that there is a constant demand for new construction and that, in its opinion, an extension of two years would be reasonable.

After careful consideration of all the factors entering into the problem, we have arrived at the conclusion that an extension of time until June 30, 1918, would be reasonable, subject to the conditions specified in the order herein.

We submit the following form of order:

O R D E R.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY HOME 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 the Commission being fully advised in the premises,

- 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 June 30, 1918, on condition that 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 June 30, 1918.

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 still 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 15 days subsequent thereto. The succeeding reports shall cover the succeeding six months' periods, and shall be filed on or before the expiration of 15 days subsequent to each such 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 30th day of September, 1916.

Max Thelen

Alex Gordon

Frank R. Dehn

Commissioners.