Decision No. 376

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of SOUTHWESTERN HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY, OF Redlands, to raise telephone charges. :

: Application No. 286

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for Southwestern Home Telephone Co.,

J. J. Prendergast,

C. E. McEuen, for telephone users.

D. A. Haslam.

GORDON, Commissioner.

OPINION.

This application is for permission to raise the monthly charge for telephone service on certain specified lines out of San Jacinto to Winchester, in Riverside County, California, from \$1.00 per month to \$1.50 per month.

The proposed change in rate is applicable to a condition entirely local. The lines involved represent an investment by the telephone company and the company also furnishes the substation equipment, but thus far maintenance charges have been borne by the subscribers.

It is apparent to me that the \$1.00 rate foremerly in effect has not been a fair rate, nor is the rate requested unreasonable, considering the investment and the service rendered, and the rate requested will be reasonable under the conditions of the proposed contract submitted with this application, which will provide for a continuance of maintenance by the subscribers.

I, therefore, recommend that applicant be permitted

to put into effect the rate of \$1.50 per month under the terms incorporated in the proposed contract, this recommendation to be considered as applicable to the particular circumstances developed in this case. I submit, herewith, the following form of order:

ORDER.

The Southwestern Home Telephone Company, of Redlands, having applied to this Commission for permission to raise its monthly rental for telephone service on two specified circuits, extending from its San Jacinto office to the town of Winchester, in Riverside County, California, from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per month under terms as set out in a proposed contract accompanying their application, and it appearing from the testimony taken, together with the investigation by this Commission, that said proposed advanced rate is not unreasonable, under the circumstances involved, and a public hearing having been held on this application,

IT IS HEREEY ORDERED That the Southwestern Home Telephone Company, of Redlands, be and it hereby is authorized to advance,
on and after January 1, 1913, the monthly charge for telephone service
on the lines from San Jacinto to Winchester, Riverside County, California, from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per month.

The conditions under which this service is to be rendered at the advanced rate of \$1.50 per month shall be substantially those as set out in the proposed contract filed with said application. It must be understood that this order applies to this particular instance and is not to be taken as a general precedent.

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 30 day of December, 1912.

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