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Decision No. _____

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application
of I. F. Lown for permission to
discontinue telephone service. }

Application No. 3482.

Decision No. 5364

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

I. F. Lown, petitioner in the above entitled proceeding, owns a telephone line extending from the city limits of the City of Monterey to Cassanovia Avenue, Del Monte Grove, Monterey County, a total distance of about two miles.

This line was constructed during the year 1915 by petitioner for the purpose of securing connection with the telephone exchange of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company at Monterey for his private use. Petitioner alleges that during July, 1917, at their solicitation, and as an accommodation, he permitted four other parties to be connected with his line upon the condition that they each would pay their pro rata of the cost of installation and \$1.50 per month to pay the charges of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for switching service and for upkeep.

Petitioner further alleges that this arrangement involving the collection of charges for service from these four parties was made in ignorance of the necessity of seeking the authority of the Railroad Commission therefor. He now seeks authority to withdraw service as far as these four parties are concerned, and has obtained the written consent of three of them to its withdrawal. The fourth party has not consented but in this case service was discontinued during or about the month of December, 1917, for his alleged failure to pay his assessed pro rata of the cost of installation.

We are of the opinion that this application should be granted and that this is a matter not requiring a public hearing.

O R D E R

Application having been filed with the Railroad Commission by I. F. Lown for permission to discontinue telephone service, as set forth in the preceding opinion, and it appearing to the Railroad Commission that this is not a case in which a public hearing is necessary,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Railroad Commission of the State of California that the application herein be and it is hereby granted.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of April, 1918.

Max Thelen
H. J. Stoutland
Alex Gordon

Commissioners.