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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of
H. E. BIGELOW TELEPHONE COMPANY, for
an order authorizing the withdrawal
of service from Cascade & Huntington
Lake, Fresno County, California.

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) Application No. 3454.
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Ernest Klette for applicant
E. R. Davis for San Joaquin
& Eastern Railroad Company
J. W. Gilkyson for The Pacific
Telephone and Telegraph Company.
W. E. Thrower in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

H. E. BIGELOW, doing business under the fictitious name of H. E. Bigelow Telephone Company, applies for an order authorizing the withdrawal of telephone service from Cascade and Huntington Lake, in Fresno County.

A public hearing upon the application was held by Examiner Westover at Fresno on March 5th. It then appeared that a basis for agreement which would provide for the telephone service in question being rendered by United States Forest Service had been suggested. June 5th the Commission was advised that such agreement had been perfected.

Applicant constructed and began operating a telephone system in connection with his stage service about 1912. His lines now operated extend from O'Neals through Northfork to Prince's Mill, a distance of about 28 miles; from O'Neals through

Friant to Clovis, a total distance of about 25 miles; from O'Neals to Auberry, a distance of about 15 miles; and from O'Neals to Zebra and vicinity, a distance of about seven miles. These lines are in Fresno and Madera counties.

Applicant entered into an agreement with the San Joaquin & Eastern Railway Company, under date of April 21, 1915, providing for the use by him of one of that company's two metallic circuits extending along the line of its railroad between El Prado and Cascada, a distance of about 56 miles and connecting with applicant's line about 5½ miles long, extending from Huntington Lake through Cascada, to a point about 2 miles south of there. This line has not been operated since May 10, 1917, when the railroad company required applicant to cease operating over its line. After that date patrons at Cascada, Huntington Lake and in that vicinity were without the right to telephone service, but on occasions of urgency the railroad company relayed messages out to stations on applicant's lines as a matter of accommodation.

The Forest Service has now agreed with Mr. Bigelow to maintain and operate the Bigelow lines in the vicinity of Huntington Lake and Cascada to which it has built a connection, and give the use of its switchboards at Shaver and Northfork subject to the use of its lines for Government business; title to the Bigelow lines to remain in Mr. Bigelow and repairs to instruments to be made by him; he to provide agents at Huntington Lake and Cascada to collect tolls.

Satisfactory arrangements having been made for the continuation of the service in question, the application will be dismissed.

O R D E R

E. E. BIGELOW, doing business under the fictitious name of E. E. Bigelow Telephone Company, having applied for an order authorizing the withdrawal of telephone service from Cascada and Huntington Lake, in Fresno County, a public hearing having been held thereon and subsequently arrangements having been made by applicant for the continuation of service under conditions satisfactory to the Commission,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of June, 1918.

Edwin C. Edgerton
H. J. Paulson
Frank P. Oliver
Commissioners.