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Decision No. 5394

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application of	)
REDONDO HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY, a	)
corporation, for an extension of time	)
for compliance with the provisions	)
of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended	)
by Chapter 600, Statutes of 1915.	)

Application No. 2341

Frank L. Perry for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Redondo Home Telephone Company applies for an order further 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 by Examiner Westover in Los Angeles.

By Decision No. 3686 of September 26, 1916, applicant was granted an order extending the time for compliance with the statute until December 31, 1917, upon condition that one-half of the necessary reconstruction work should be completed on or before June 30, 1917. (See Opinions and Orders of the Railroad Commission, Vol. 11, p. 321.)

Applicant now reports in the present applica-

tion that it has expended in said reconstruction work the sum of \$3800; that more than three-quarters of the work has been done. Its estimated cost of completing its compliance with the statute is \$2750; that it has been unable to fully comply because of insufficient funds and the possibility of consolidation of its system with that of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company in Redondo, in which event the present open wire construction in which the only infractions of the statute exist would no longer be needed.

Since the hearing, Application No. 3866, by Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company to sell property in Redondo to applicant and by applicant to issue bonds, has been filed and set for hearing.

Applicant's plan to remove the present infractions of the statute contemplates replacing with aerial cable the present open wire construction on 16 poles carrying five 10 pin cross-arms with duplex pin construction with 50 working pairs of wires. If the purchase referred to should occur, the construction of the Pacific Company could be used, thus enabling applicant to remove its objectionable construction.

Applicant was not prepared to present either at the hearing or later an estimate of the cost of rearranging its present open wire construction to comply with the statute and it was stipulated that the Commission's engineers should submit a report showing such cost. Such report has been prepared by Mr. A. L. Wilson, the Commission's telephone and telegraph engineer and presented in evidence as Exhibit "A". The report shows that the estimated cost of rearranging the open wire construction in accordance with a detailed drawing

submitted with the report would not exceed the sum of \$250, before making any allowance for the value of salvaged material recovered.

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

REDONDO 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 a public hearing having been held.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that 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 September 30, 1918.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of July, 1918.

Edwin U. Edgerton  
H. J. Fairland  
Alfred Gordon

Commissioners.