Decision No. 5757-

## ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of F. J. Culver for authority to with-draw telephone service in Mill Creek Canyon, San Bernardino County, California.

Application No. 3802.

BY THE COMMISSION

## OPINION

On or about January 1, 1910, petitioner herein entered into a contract with Southwestern Home Telephone Company for the connection of a telephone line, which was later constructed, for telephone service for the use of Forest Home Outing Company at Forest Home in Mill Creek Canyon, San Bernardino County. Subsequently, petitioner permitted the connection of telephones to this line for the use of the following parties along its route, viz.:

L. A. Harvey
Kate Harvey
M. R. Covington
Mill Creek Ranch
California Marble Company
Jack Allen
O. P. Wyatt

During the year 1915, petitioner's line was destroyed by flood and has not since been rebuilt. Although petitioner has here-tofore charged and collected rates for the service rendered, it was not the intention originally to operate the line as a public utility, and petitioner now seeks authority to formally withdraw the service.

Of the parties formerly served by this line, one is since deceased, one has left the country, another has gone out of business, and another now is provided with telephone service by Southwestern Home Telephone Company. The three remaining parties have given their

written consent to the withdrawal of service by petitioner, and their written consent has been filed with the Railroad Commission.

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

## ORDER

Application having been filed with the Railroad Commission by F. J. Culver to withdraw telephone service, as set forth in the preceding opinion, and it appearing to the Railroad Commission that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary,

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day

Commissioners.