

Decision No. 7718

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of  
E. E. Williams to sell and E. R. Feuz  
to purchase a certain telephone system  
known as the Williams Telephone System

Application No. 5011.

Chenoweth and Leininger by Orr M. Chenoweth,  
for Applicants.

By the Commission:

O P I N I O N.

In this application H. E. Williams asks the authorization of this Commission to sell a telephone system locally known as the Williams' Lines serving certain subscribers in Shasta, Siskiyou and Lassen Counties to E. R. Feuz, his son-in-law.

The application sets forth that H. E. Williams' telephone system consists of approximately 125 miles of line, one hundred telephones and necessary material and supplies. The application further sets forth that H. E. Williams, on account of advancing age, is unable to give proper attention to the maintenance and operation of the telephone system, that the proposed purchaser, E. R. Feuz, has been since October 1st, 1919, and now is actually operating the system and is better able to conduct its affairs

and serve the public than is the applicant, H. E. Williams.

A public hearing was held at Redding, California, May 24th, 1920, before Examiner Satterwhite.

The reasons assigned for the transfer appear to be good and sufficient.

The Commission has not made an examination or obtained a valuation of this telephone system. The property which it is proposed herein to convey is described in a proposed agreement and bill-of-sale, copies of which were filed with the Railroad Commission on May 26th, 1920, as follows:

"That certain telephone business commonly known as the "Williams' Telephone Line" situated in Shasta and Lassen Counties, California, the lines of which business connect from Cassell, with Burney, Goose Valley, East Creek, Fall River Mills, Carbon, Pitt Ville, McArthur, Glenburn, Dana, Bear Flat and Bartle.

"Together with all poles, wires, telephone boxes and equipment of every kind and nature used in connection with said telephone business."

The consideration named for the proposed sale and transfer is Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars, payable on the first day of October of each year commencing with the first day of October, 1920, in equal installments of One Hundred Twenty (\$120.00) Dollars without interest, until the full sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars shall have been paid, as set forth in a promissory note, copy of which was also filed with the Commission on May, 26th, 1920. Authority to execute this note is also desired.

Since it appears that as far as the public service is concerned, the proposed purchaser should be better able to serve the public than the present owner, we believe that the petition to transfer this property should be granted.

O R D E R.

H. E. Williams having applied to the Railroad Commission for authority to sell to E. R. Feuz, the telephone exchange and system of the former, located in Shasta, Siskiyou and Lassen

Counties, and serving the communities of Cassel, Burney, Goose Valley, Hat Creek, Fall River Mills, Carbon, Pitt Ville, McArthur, Glenburn, Dana, Bear Flat and Bartle, and vicinities adjacent thereto, including its permits, privileges or franchises, and to issue his promissory note in the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), payable in installments of One Hundred and Twenty (\$120.00) Dollars per annum without interest, and a public hearing having been held thereon, and it appearing to the Commission that the public interest will be subserved thereby;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the application herein be, and it is hereby, granted provided that the amount named as the consideration for said transfer shall not be taken before this Commission or other authority as representing the value of said property for rate fixing or other purposes; and

Provided further that the authority herein granted will not become effective until E.R. Peuz has paid the fee prescribed by the Public Utilities Act; and

Provided further that the authority herein granted will apply only to such transfer as may be made on or before August 31, 1920.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1920.

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