

Decision No. 9707

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of J. MAX LANDRAM for sale of tele- } Application No. 7011.  
phone system to C. H. LENTZ and  
A. A. HARRINGTON. }

C. W. Croop for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

A public hearing was held by Examiner Westover at Livingston upon the above application to transfer a telephone system serving Livingston and vicinity, with 112 subscribers' stations at present.

It appears from the testimony that Mr. Landram, the owner of the system, is no longer living at Livingston, cannot give it his personal attention, and is not an experienced telephone man, but has been obliged to hire all needed labor for operating and maintaining the system.

Messrs. Lentz and Harrington are experienced electricians and telephone men, now engaged in the electrical business in Modesto. It is planned that Mr. Lentz will conduct the business in Modesto, while Mr. Harrington will live in Livingston and give his personal attention to the operation and maintenance of the telephone system. For a long time he has done all of the maintenance work on the system for Mr. Landram. He has had sixteen years' experience in the telephone business as wire chief and switchboardman, and appears to be better qualified for the work than is Mr. Landram. It is

proposed to operate under present rates, which were established in 1912 and which are considered adequate by the purchasers.

Under the circumstances, it appears to be in the public interest that the transfer be authorized.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled application, the matter being submitted and now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that J. Max Landram be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to transfer to C. H. Lentz and A. A. Harrington the telephone system owned by him now serving in and about Livingston, Merced County, including poles, wires and materials and other property more fully described in the application.

This authority is granted upon the following conditions:

(1) Nothing herein contained shall be construed in any proceeding before this Commission or any other public body or tribunal as a finding of the cost or value of said property to be transferred.

(2) The authority herein contained shall extend only to such transfer of said property as may be made within sixty days from the date hereof.

(3) Within ten days after executing and delivering any instrument of conveyance or transfer purporting to convey or transfer said telephone property, the purchasers, said Lentz and Harrington shall file a copy thereof with the Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of ~~October~~ <sup>November</sup> 1921.

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