

Decision No. 28375.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application
of the Western Telephone Company
for an order authorizing said
company to extend its telephone
system into new territory.

Application No. 19047

Snyder & Snyder, by J. C. Snyder, for
Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Western Telephone Company, W. Gilman Snyder, owner,
herein requests authority to extend its filed service area to
include all territory within Amador County east of its present
eastern boundary.

A public hearing in this application was held before
Examiner Fry in San Francisco on September 22, 1933, and the
matter was submitted for decision.

W. Gilman Snyder, doing business under the fictitious
name and style of Western Telephone Company, furnishes exchange
and toll telephone and telegraph service in certain territory in
Amador and Calaveras Counties located northeasterly of Jackson.
The Company's central office is located at Volcano. Toll service
to and from outside points is received by means of connections at
the Jackson and Mokelumne Hill Exchanges of The Pacific Telephone
and Telegraph Company by means of toll lines extending from Volcano

and West Point to these respective exchanges. Applicant has on file with the Railroad Commission rates for toll service between toll points on its system. Charges for toll service between outside points beyond Jackson and Mokelumne Hill on The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company system and toll points within the service area of the Western Telephone Company are in accordance with the direct (air line) rates generally effective throughout California.

The evidence shows that several summer resorts and private residences located at Silver Lake and vicinity east of the Company's service area greatly need toll telephone service. At the present time no communication public utility furnishes any service in this territory. In the event this application is granted, Mr. Snyder proposes to construct a metallic circuit from Cook's Station, the terminus of the present line, to the Silver Lake region and to establish several toll stations. Construction of the lines would begin in the spring of 1934. Rates to be filed and made effective will be in agreement with toll rates now effective in applicant's present service area and to outside points.

A petition signed by several resort owners and private individuals, requesting that the Western Telephone Company be authorized to serve the area, was submitted in evidence.

No one appeared to protest this extension of service as proposed, and there is no evidence that any other utility desires to serve this territory.

O R D E R

The Western Telephone Company, W. Gilman Snyder, owner, having made application to the Railroad Commission for authority to extend its filed territory to include all territory within Amador County east of its present eastern boundary, a public hearing having

been held, the matter having been taken under submission and being ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY FINDS AS A FACT that public convenience and necessity require the extension of toll telephone service by the Western Telephone Company to the Silver Lake region and intervening territory and basing its order on the foregoing findings of fact,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Western Telephone Company, W. Gilman Snyder, owner, shall:

- (1) Submit to the Railroad Commission for filing on or before December 1, 1933, in the manner prescribed in General Order No. 68, a map showing its present territory extended to include all territory within Amador County east of its present eastern boundary.
- (2) Establish one or more toll stations in the annexed territory on or before September 1, 1934.
- (3) Submit to the Railroad Commission for approval on or before fifteen (15) days immediately preceding the date of the establishment of such toll stations, rates applicable thereto, which will be in agreement with other toll rates now in effect throughout applicant's service area.
- (4) Make effective for toll telephone service between toll stations as established in the extension of service territory herein ordered and toll points beyond Jackson and Mokelumne Hill direct air-line rates in accordance with the toll rate plan generally effective in California.

For all other purposes the effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2^d day of October, 1933.

O. Leary
Leon White
W. B. Harris
Commissioners.