

Decision No. 28722

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE COMPANY, LTD.,
for an order authorizing a waiving
of service connection charges.

Application No. 19253.

ORIGINAL

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

In this application, Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. requests authority to waive, during the remainder of the year 1934, the service connection charge for residence extension telephones ordered and installed at the same time as the first or primary service.

When an applicant orders two or more residence telephones, one primary (or main) telephone, and one or more extension telephones connected to the same line, those operating expenses incurred in establishing the telephone service, which are covered wholly or in part by the non-recurring service connection charge, are increased but little on account of the installation of the extension stations. Applicant's present service connection charge for a residence extension station is \$1.50 each, regardless of whether the one or more extension telephones are ordered and/or installed at the same time as the primary telephone.

The waiving of these charges as requested appears logical and in the interest of present and future subscribers

and the utility. Present subscribers will benefit due to receiving more prompt answers to calls to residence services with extensions; new subscribers will save \$1.50 for each extension station installed under these conditions; and the utility will have added inducements to offer in selling more service and more revenues will accrue from the added business. However, this will not substantially affect the overall earnings of the utility.

We are satisfied that Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. should be permitted to discontinue, during the remainder of the year 1934 at least, those service connection charges referred to above and under the conditions stated.

ORDER

Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., having asked the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the waiving of certain service connection charges under certain conditions for the remainder of the year 1934 only, and it appearing that this is not a matter requiring a formal hearing:

The Railroad Commission of the State of California finds as a fact that Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. should waive, during the remainder of the year 1934, service connection charges for residence extension telephones ordered and installed at the same time as the primary or main telephone, and may restore such charges effective on and after January 1, 1935.

Basing its Order on the foregoing finding of fact,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. shall, on or before January 20, 1934, submit to the

Railroad Commission for filing Rule and Regulation No. 30, re-
vised in accordance with the above finding, effective for ser-
vice applied for on and after January 25, 1934. 1-25-34

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Associated Telephone
Company, Ltd. may, on or before December 15, 1934, file with the
Railroad Commission a Rule and Regulation No. 30 which shall in-
clude the service connection charge herein ordered waived, ef-
fective January 1, 1935.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day
of January, 1934.

C. J. Sealey
Leon O'Connell
M. J. Lee
W. B. Lewis
W. H. ...
Commissioners.