

Decision No. 26789 .

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
West Coast Telephone Company of
California for Authority to Sell and,
Billie R. Starr for Authority to Buy
the Telephone Exchange Property at
Dorris, California, together with a
Telephone Line between Dorris,
California and MacDoel, California,
all in Siskiyou County.

Application No. 19281.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION and ORDER

West Coast Telephone Company of California, engaged in the telephone and telegraph business in Del Norte, Humboldt and Siskiyou Counties in California, asks permission to sell to Billie R. Starr, who requests authority to buy for One Dollar (\$1.00), the following properties:

A telephone exchange located in the town of Dorris, together with a telephone line between Dorris and MacDoel, a distance of 9.8 miles, including a switchboard at Dorris, poles, wires, telephone instruments and other instrumentalities.

It is claimed that the original cost of the property to be transferred was \$1,000.00 and that the present value is \$790.67.

An income statement for the eight months' period ended August 31, 1933, filed in this proceeding as "Exhibit D" shows for the Dorris Exchange and Dorris-MacDoel toll line total revenues of \$970.52 and total expenses of \$1,019.00 and failure to earn expenses by \$48.48.

West Coast Telephone Company of California cannot satisfactorily and economically operate the properties which

it proposes to sell on account of their being situated a considerable distance from the remainder of its properties.

Billie R. Starr, residing at Dorris, reputedly has had many years experience in the telephone business and is in a position financially to carry on the business to be transferred.

The Commission has considered the request of applicants and is of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is required and that the application should be granted, subject to the provisions of this order, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that West Coast Telephone Company of California be, and it hereby is, authorized to sell and transfer, after the effective date of this order and prior to May 1, 1934, the aforesaid telephone properties to Billie R. Starr, who is hereby authorized to acquire and operate the same provided she, on or before the date of the transfer herein authorized, submits for filing with the Railroad Commission rates and charges for service in the Dorris Exchange and over the Dorris-MacDoel toll line not greater than those now effective therefor, together with rules and regulations governing said service.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that West Coast Telephone Company of California shall, concurrently with the date of the sale of the aforesaid properties to Billie R. Starr, discontinue telephone and telegraph service in the town of Dorris and surrounding territory and in the area tributary to the Dorris-MacDoel toll line and withdraw its rates and charges therefor.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that within thirty (30) days after the transfer of the properties herein authorized Billie R. Starr shall file with the Railroad Commission a certified copy of the bill of sale under which she acquires and holds title to said properties.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of February, 1934.

C. J. Neary
Leon Whidley
W. A. Lee
M. B. Lewis
Walter ...
Commissioners.