

Decision No. 28078

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**ORIGINAL**

In the Matter of the Application of  
G. H. JONES, doing business under the  
name and style of Tuolumne Telephone  
Exchange, for an order authorizing  
certain increases in exchange rates  
applicable in the Tuolumne Exchange.

Application No. 19949.

G. H. Jones for Applicant.

Ernest H. Hodge, District Supervisor.

A. O. Wiegman, for Tuolumne Progressive  
Association.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application, G. H. Jones, doing business under the name and style of Tuolumne Telephone Exchange, requests authority to increase certain rates for telephone service coincident with an increase in the hours of service.

A public hearing in the application was held by Examiner Fry at Tuolumne on May 28, 1935, when all interested persons were given full opportunity to be present and to be heard and the matter was submitted for decision.

Applicant furnishes telephone service to eighty-two subscribers in and adjacent to the Town of Tuolumne. The service is available generally from 8:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M. on week days only. Emergency service is furnished on Sundays,

holidays and from 8:00 P. M. to 8:00 A. M. on week days, from telephones in the hotel and in the doctor's office, which are connected to the toll lines at those times. A movement for continuous twenty-four hour service including Sundays and holidays was initiated by the Tuolumne Progressive Association, the members of which circulated a petition agreeing to pay certain increased rates for telephone service if the request should be granted. The original of this petition, purporting to have been signed by eighty of the eighty-two subscribers of the Tuolumne Exchange was filed with the application. Evidence given at the hearing was to the effect that those signing said petition were fully cognizant of its import and voluntarily affixed their names. Mr. Ernest H. Hodge, District Supervisor, testified that the increase of the hours of service was required and that he knew of no objections of subscribers to the increase in rates which were agreed to in the petition.

The rates which applicant desires to increase and the proposed rates are as follows:

	<u>Rate Per Month</u>			
	<u>Present</u>		<u>Proposed</u>	
<u>Hours of Service :</u>			<u>Continuous Hours</u>	
<u>8 A. M. to 8 P. M.:</u>			<u>of Service</u>	
<u>Week Days Only :</u>				
<u>Wall Set Desk Set:</u>	<u>Wall Set</u>	<u>Desk Set:</u>	<u>Wall Set</u>	<u>Desk Set:</u>
<u>Business Flat Rate Service:</u>				
Individual line station	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$2.75
Party line station	2.00	2.00	2.25	2.50
Extension Station	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
<u>Residence Flat Rate Service:</u>				
Individual line station	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$2.50
Party line station	1.50	1.50	2.00	2.25
Extension station	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Mr. Jones testified that his revenues for the year 1934 amounted to \$1,927.47, his taxes to \$87.81, and his other expenses to \$1,841.30. This indicates that the exchange failed to pay all expenses for the year by \$1.64. The witness estimated that if no subscribers discontinued service on account of the increase in rates that about \$40.00 per month additional revenue would be secured which would justify his increasing the hours of service as requested.

The Commission having received no objection to the granting of this application which appears to be in the interest of the public of Tuolumne and vicinity the request will be granted.

#### O R D E R

G. H. Jones, doing business under the name and style of Tuolumne Telephone Exchange, having made application to the Railroad Commission for authority to increase certain rates for telephone service coincident with increased hours of service, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and being ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA hereby finds as a fact that G. H. Jones should increase the hours of service of the Tuolumne Exchange and certain rates for service as stated in the opinion which precedes this Order, and

Basing its order on the foregoing finding of fact and such other statements of fact and conclusions which appear in the preceding Opinion,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that G. H. Jones is authorized to make effective for service on and after July 1, 1935, in his Tuolumne Exchange, the proposed rates shown heretofore in the

Opinion, provided,

1. Full twenty-four (24) hour continuous service is furnished on and after July 1, 1935.

2. No other rates and charges for service in the Tuolumne Exchange will be affected by this Order.

3. The schedules of rates herein ordered are submitted for filing on or before June 25, 1935.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1935.

Leon Whitney

W. H. Carr

W. B. Harris

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Stuart R. Rubin

Commissioners.