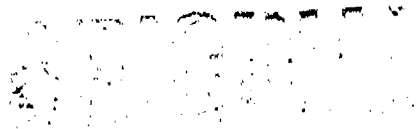


Decision No. 28141.



BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
LIVINGSTON TELEPHONE COMPANY for an
order authorizing it to file and make
effective a rate for hand set equip-
ment.

Application No. 20027.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

Livingston Telephone Company, under which fictitious name C. H. Lentz and A. A. Harrington operate a telephone system serving the City of Livingston and surrounding territory in the County of Merced, herein requests authority to file a rate for telephone service with hand set telephone equipment.

The petition shows that applicant, in response to requests of certain subscribers, purchased and installed eight hand set telephones and has since been making a charge of twenty-five (25) cents per month more for each service with such equipment than is effective in the Livingston Exchange for the same service with desk set equipment.

In telephone exchanges wherein the same grade of service may be had for twenty-five (25) cents less per month with wall set equipment than with desk set equipment, it appears reasonable to permit the filing of a rate for the same service with hand set equipment which shall be twenty-five (25) cents more per month than with desk set equipment. Such lower charge for service with wall set equipment is effective in the Livingston Exchange. The

Commission has recognized these rate differentials in previous formal decisions; and, inasmuch as no lower differential for service with these three types of telephone equipment is effective in the State of California, the filing of the rate requested will be approved.

The Commission has considered the petition of applicant and is of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is required, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Livingston Telephone Company be and it hereby is authorized to charge and collect for telephone service in the Livingston Exchange with hand set, the effective charge for the same grade of service with a desk set plus twenty-five (25) cents per month, effective on and after September 1, 1935, provided the appropriate rate schedules are submitted to the Railroad Commission for filing on or before August 25, 1935.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of July, 1935.

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Commissioners.