

Decision No. 28481

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
KERN MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY for
an order authorizing the opening of
certain toll stations, the extension
of the McKittrick Exchange Area, and
the filing of certain rates.

Application No. 20193.

ORIGINAL

Ernest Irwin, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application Kern Mutual Telephone Company, a corporation, operating a telephone system in Kern County, California, asks authorization of the opening of certain toll stations, the extension of the McKittrick exchange area and the filing of certain rates for telephone service.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held before Examiner Fry in Taft on December 5, 1935, at which time the matter was taken under submission.

Kern Mutual Telephone Company operates telephone exchanges in several communities in Kern County and furnishes toll telephone and telegraph service between these communities and various toll stations within its service area. Its toll lines extend to Bakersfield where connection is made with the system of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for telephone and telegraph service to Bakersfield and other outside points.

Mr. Fred C. Mitchell, Plant Superintendent for Kern Mutual Telephone Company, as a witness for applicant, testified that some years ago Special Permissions were secured from the Commission for the establishment of toll stations at Tupman and at Buttonwillow. Subsequently, additional toll stations were opened in the immediate vicinity of Tupman, and the Tupman toll telephone and telegraph rates were made effective. Similarly additional toll stations were established in the vicinity of Buttonwillow with rates for toll telephone and telegraph service the same as for Buttonwillow. Through a misunderstanding of the required procedure, no request of the Commission was made by the management for authority to establish these additional toll stations which are listed in Exhibit No. 1 filed at the hearing. Applicant now comes before the Commission for the proper authority.

The record shows that Kern Mutual Telephone Company has extended its exchange telephone service outside its McKittrick exchange area to two subscribers. Applicant now desires to extend its McKittrick exchange area so that it will include the locations of these subscribers and that they may be served in the prescribed manner. The north boundary of the proposed extension will be located about five miles south of the area generally known as Lost Hills and as shown on the map filed at the hearing as Exhibit No. 2.

Mr. Mitchell stated that there is a need for toll service in the Lost Hills area where various business establishments now have no utility telephone service. The testimony indicates that the community interest of the Lost Hills area is distinctly with the City of Taft and that the extension of service to care for this requirement can most economically be

performed by the extension of the toll lines of Kern Mutual Telephone Company.

In its Exhibit No. 3 filed at the hearing, applicant lists five toll stations in the Lost Hills area which it requests authority to establish. Permission will be given to open these toll stations and to make effective rates for service between such toll stations and other points on applicant's system determined upon the plan generally in use throughout its system. This exhibit also lists two proposed toll stations in the Buttonwillow District. Permission to establish these toll stations for Pioneer Realty Company and J. J. Leake, Sheriff's Office, is hereby given, the rates to be computed upon the Kern Mutual Telephone Company's standard plan. Authority is requested and granted to open a toll station at Desert Inn, which is located on the Bakersfield Highway at the foot of Elk Hills in the Tupman District. The rates for this station will be based upon applicant's standard plan as explained at the hearing in this proceeding.

Applicant filed as Exhibit No. 4 a map showing the locations of the various toll stations heretofore discussed, and as Exhibit No. 5 a list of present and proposed toll stations together with proposed toll rates for service between them. The record shows that at present the three unauthorized toll stations in the Tupman District, namely, Tupman School District, Union Oil Company, and Buena Vista Water Company use the same toll rates as are filed for the authorized toll station Tupman. The proposed rates for these three toll stations, as set forth on Exhibit No. 5, are sometimes at variance with the filed rates for Tupman. A charge of ten cents for each initial day station-to-station message between any of the Tupman toll stations will be granted, but on the present record in this proceeding, no changes in charges for service to or

from them will be authorized at this time. Likewise, the rates shown in Exhibit No. 5 for the ten unauthorized Buttonwillow District toll stations are sometimes at variance with the filed rates for the Buttonwillow toll station. No changes in the present applied rates will now be authorized on account of the record in this case. A charge of ten cents for each initial day station-to-station message between any of the Buttonwillow District toll stations will be authorized.

Applicant has in effect a uniform rate of twenty-five cents for telegrams of ten words or less between points on its system and Bakersfield and between McKittrick and other points on its system. It is proposed to apply this same rate to telegrams between the toll stations herein authorized and Bakersfield, and between McKittrick and such toll stations. These proposed telegraph rates should be authorized as they are uniform with rates already filed for similar service.

No protest against the granting of any of the specific requests herein made have been received and it appears that the proposals are in the public interest except as indicated above.

O R D E R

Kern Mutual Telephone Company, having requested authority for the opening of certain toll stations, the extension of its McKittrick exchange area, and the filing of certain rates, a public hearing having been held in the proceeding, and the matter having been submitted for decision,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby finds as a fact that the granting of the authority herein requested (except as discussed in the preceding Opinion) is in the public interest and basing its Order on this finding of fact and such

other findings of fact and conclusions as are contained in the Opinion preceding this Order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Kern Mutual Telephone Company may:

- (1) Make effective on or before March 1, 1936 a revised list of toll stations with rates as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof.
- (2) Make effective as of the effective date of (1) above its uniform telegraph rate for messages between the toll stations herein authorized and Bakersfield, and between these points and McKittrick.
- (3) Extend as of the effective date of (1) above its McKittrick exchange area as shown on a map filed at the hearing herein as Exhibit No. 2.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted is subject to the condition that Kern Mutual Telephone Company shall, between the thirtieth and tenth days immediately preceding the effective date of (1), (2) and (3) above, submit to the Railroad Commission for filing the list of toll stations, maps and rates referred to in (1), (2) and (3) above.

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 31st day of December, 1935.

M. D. Linn

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Walter M. Mace

J. M. R. Smith
Commissioners.

EXHIBIT "A"

INTEREXCHANGE RATES

KERN MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

INTEREXCHANGE INITIAL DAY STATION-TO-STATION RATES

	Adohr Stock Farm	Antelope Mud Co.	Bakersfield	Brown Material Co.	Buena Vista Water Co.	Buttonwillow Garage	Buttonwillow Ginning Co.	Buttonwillow Warehouse	Candee Welding Co.	Cass & Parson Ranch	Desert Inn	Dunford, P. A.	Fellows	Kemp Restaurant
Adohr Stock Farm	.													
Antelope Mud Co.	25	.												
Bakersfield	25	30	.											
Brown Material Co.	25	10	35	.										
Buena Vista Water Co.	10	30	20	30	.									
Buttonwillow Garage	10	20	25	20	10	.								
Buttonwillow Ginning Co.	10	20	25	20	10	10	.							
Buttonwillow Warehouse	10	20	25	20	10	10	10	.						
Candee Welding Co.	25	10	35	10	30	20	20	20	.					
Cass & Parson Ranch	10	20	25	20	10	10	10	10	20	.				
Desert Inn	10	25	20	30	10	15	15	15	30	10	.			
Dunford, P. A.	10	20	25	20	10	10	10	10	20	10	15	.		
Fellows	20	25	25	30	15	20	20	20	25	20	10	20	.	
Kemp Restaurant	10	20	25	20	10	10	10	10	20	10	15	10	20	.
King Lumber Co.	10	20	25	20	10	10	10	10	20	10	15	10	20	10
Krag, M. N.	10	20	25	20	10	10	10	10	20	10	15	10	20	10
Leake, J. J.	10	20	25	20	15	10	10	10	20	10	15	10	15	10
Maricopa	20	30	25	35	15	20	20	20	30	20	10	20	-	20
McKittrick	10	20	30	20	15	10	10	10	20	10	15	10	15	10
Miller & Lux	10	20	25	20	10	10	10	10	20	10	15	10	20	10
Ohio Oil Co.	25	10	35	10	30	20	20	20	10	20	25	20	25	20
Pioneer Realty Co.	10	20	25	20	15	10	10	10	20	10	15	10	15	10
Standard Oil Co.	10	25	25	25	10	10	10	10	25	10	10	10	20	10
Stoltz, J.L. Mercantile Co.	25	10	30	10	25	20	20	20	10	20	25	20	25	20
Taft	20	30	25	30	15	20	20	20	30	20	10	20	-	20
Tupman Mercantile Co.	10	25	20	25	10	10	10	10	25	10	10	10	15	10
Tupman School District	10	25	20	25	10	10	10	10	25	10	10	10	15	10
Union Oil Co.	10	25	20	25	10	10	10	10	25	10	10	10	15	10

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	King Lumber Co.	Krag, M. N.	Leake, J. J.	Maricopa,	McKittrick	Miller & Lux	Ohio Oil Co.	Pioneer Realty Co.	Standard Oil Co.	Stoltz, J. L., Mercantile Co.	Taft	Tupman Mercantile Co.	Tupman School District	Union Oil Co.
Adohr Stock Farm														
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King Lumber Co.	-													
Krag, M. N.	10	-												
Leake, J. J.	10	10	-											
Maricopa	20	20	20	-										
McKittrick	10	10	10	15	-									
Miller & Lux	10	10	10	20	10	-								
Ohio Realty Co.	20	20	20	30	20	20	-							
Pioneer Realty Co.	10	10	10	20	10	10	20	-						
Standard Oil Co.	10	10	10	20	10	10	25	10	-					
Stoltz, J. L., Mercantile Co.	20	20	20	30	20	20	10	20	25	-				
Taft	20	20	20	-	15	20	30	20	20	30	-			
Tupman Mercantile Co.	10	10	10	15	15	10	25	10	10	25	15	-		
Tupman School District	10	10	10	15	15	10	25	10	10	25	15	10	-	
Union Oil Co.	10	10	10	15	15	10	25	10	10	25	15	10	10	-