

Decision No. 28427

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY
to apply its published schedule of
rates from and to points on its lines
to and from points on the lines of
the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph
Company and on the lines of the South-
ern California Telephone Company in
the State of California.

Application No. 20922

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

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The Western Union Telegraph Company, engaged in the general telegraph business in the State of California, has requested authority to establish joint through rates between the offices of The Western Union Telegraph Company and points on the lines of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Southern California Telephone Company.

Generally the present rates of the applicant are on an "other line" basis for message telegram service between points involving the lines of the applicant and the Telephone Companies. Under the proposed plan, rates between a point on the lines of the Telegraph Company and points located on the lines of the Telephone Companies would be based on fifty (50) mile squares, which is the present basis for rates between the Telegraph Company's points.

The applicant states that the proposed joint through rates will not result, so far as can be ascertained, in any increase in the cost of telegraph service to the public but will result in certain reductions.

The Commission, in its Decision No. 29387, dated December 21, 1936, authorized The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Southern California Telephone Company to modify their rates and charges applicable to message telegram service so as to extend the plan based on rates for fifty (50) mile squares applicable to competitive routes to noncompetitive routes within the State of California. The witness for the Telephone Companies at the hearing in the above proceeding indicated their desire to adopt joint through rates.

The Western Union Telegraph Company having made application to the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing it to publish, file and place in effect joint through rates between the offices of The Western Union Telegraph Company and points on the lines of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Southern California Telephone Company and it appearing that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is required,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Western Union Telegraph Company be and it is hereby authorized to file in accordance with General Order No. 68 the necessary and approved schedules effective for service on and after Jan. 4, 1937.

For all other purposes the effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days on and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th day of Jan. 1937.

Walter L. Brown
Leon Whitely

Drew R. Perry
Commissioners