

Decision No. 20139

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the application
of CARL P. DODGE for authorization
to sell, and DOUGLAS S. TAGGART to
purchase and acquire a telephone
property and render telephone
service in the territory served.

Application No. 21386

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BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Carl P. Dodge requests the Railroad Commission for authority to sell his telephone property in Butte County, California, and to retire from public utility telephone business, and Douglas S. Taggart desires to purchase said property for Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) and to operate the same.

The property serves four subscribers at Butte Meadows and toll stations at Camp Lassen, Soda Springs, Lomo, Newhart's Mill, Royal Drift, West Branch, Cedar Station, Stone's Mountain Ranch and Dodge Station. A switchboard is located at Dodge Station. The line, extending for a distance of thirty-six (36) miles from Chico to Butte Meadows, consists of a No. 12 iron wire grounded circuit strung on trees, and approximately three hundred and eighty (380) cedar poles. Two small switchboards, several telephones and miscellaneous tools and equipment are included in the property to be transferred.

Carl P. Dodge desires to be relieved of the responsibility of operating the telephone business as he wishes to change his residence and engage in other occupations.

Douglas S. Taggart has written to the Commission that he understands construction and installation work, and is familiar with the regulations and report requirements of the Commission.

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 conditions incorporated in this Order, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Carl P. Dodge be, and he hereby is, authorized to sell and transfer on or before December 1, 1937, the aforesaid telephone properties to Douglas S. Taggart who is hereby authorized to acquire and operate the same at present rates.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Carl P. Dodge shall, concurrently with the date of the sale of the aforesaid properties to Douglas S. Taggart, discontinue all of his public utility telephone and telegraph operations.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that within thirty (30) days after the transfer of the properties herein authorized to be transferred, Douglas S. Taggart shall file with the Railroad Commission a certified copy of the bill of sale under which he 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 20th day
of Sept., 1937.

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Commissioners.