

Decision No. 20100

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
H. E. BIGELOW, doing business under
the name and style of BIGELOW TELEPHONE
COMPANY, for an order authorizing an
adjustment in rates in connection with
message telegram service and the with-
drawal of toll telephone and message
telegraph service between Collins Springs
and Clovis.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 21475

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application H. E. Bigelow, who operates a small telephone and telegraph system in certain portions of Fresno and Madera Counties, California, under the name and style of Bigelow Telephone Company, requests authority to file and make effective increased charges for telegraph service between O'Neals and Clovis and between Friant and Clovis and to withdraw his rates for toll and telegraph service to and from Collins Springs.

The present and proposed telegraph rates are as follows:

				<u>Day Letter</u>		<u>Night Letter</u>	
		<u>Ten</u>	<u>Each</u>	<u>Fifty</u>	<u>Add'l.</u>	<u>Fifty</u>	<u>Add'l.</u>
<u>Between</u>		<u>Words</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>Words</u>	<u>Words</u>	<u>Words</u>	<u>Words</u>
<u>Clovis and</u>							
O'Neals	Present	\$.25	\$.01	\$.37	\$.07	\$.25	\$.05
	Proposed	.30	.025	.45	.09	.30	.06
Friant	Present	.15	.01	.22	.04	.15	.03
	Proposed	.30	.025	.45	.09	.30	.06

The proposed rates are in line with those of other utilities furnishing telegraph service in California under similar conditions.

Applicant states his belief that he cannot handle the anticipated increase in telegraph service between O'Neals and Clovis and Friant and Clovis at the present rates on account of expected increased expenses. The Annual Report for the year 1936, filed by this utility with the Railroad Commission, shows that the expenses exceed the revenues by one thousand six hundred seventy-six dollars and eighty cents (\$1,676.80). It is not expected that the increases herein requested would materially affect the net revenue.

Applicant states that there has been no telephone or telegraph service between Collins Springs and Clovis for several years. It is apparent that the rates and charges now on file with the Commission for such service should be withdrawn.

The Commission has considered this application and is of the opinion that the requests therein made should be granted and, furthermore, that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not required, therefore;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that H. E. Bigelow may:

- (1) File and make effective not later than December 1, 1937, the proposed rates and charges set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to the application.
- (2) Withdraw the present rates applicable to toll telephone and telegraph service between Collins Springs and Clovis as of the effective date of (1) above.

The authority granted in (1) and (2) above is subject to the condition that the necessary rate sheets be submitted for filing with the Railroad Commission in accordance with General Order

No. 68 not later than the fifteenth day immediately preceding the effective date of (1) and (2) 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 4th day of October, 1937.

Arthur H. Hays
Samuel H. Hays
Frank P. Hays
Ray B. Hays
Ben L. Hays
Commissioners