

Decision No. 30229

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE
COMPANY, a Corporation, for an order
authorizing the establishment of a
Laurel District Area of the Pasadena
Exchange, and, in connection therewith,
an adjustment of rates for telephone
service.

Application No. 21456.

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for Southern California Telephone Company

Harold P. Huls, City Attorney, by
H. Burton Noble, Deputy, for the
City of Pasadena

WAKEFIELD, COMMISSIONER:

OPINION

In this proceeding Southern California Telephone Company requests the Railroad Commission to make an order authorizing the establishment of a Laurel District Area in the Pasadena exchange area with an interexchange rate center, the extension of extended service in the proposed area, the enlargement of the Pasadena Exchange base rate area, and the modification of certain rate schedules. A public hearing in the application was held in Los Angeles on September 24, 1937.

Applicant proposes to establish a new rate center at the present location of the Laurel central office. This would result in a five cent increase in the rate to various exchanges within a distance of forty (40) miles, a similar decrease over other routes, and no change in other routes. Under the proposal, practically all of the Laurel District Area will be brought into the Pasadena base rate area. A study of the effect of the interexchange increases and

decreases and the mileage elimination for a test period showed that six subscribers would have paid \$5.10 in total per month more for service under the proposal, one subscriber would have paid the same and the others of the 456 total subscribers would have paid in total \$931.40 less per month.

Applicant also would expand the calling area of Laurel District Area extended service subscribers by adding the Crescenta exchange area. The individual line business message rate extended service rate would be reduced from \$5.00 for 85 messages per month to \$4.25 for 75 messages per month. No change would occur in the charge for additional messages. A reduction from \$4.00 to \$3.50 per month would be made in the rate for extended individual line residence flat rate service and the rate for extended two-party line residence flat rate service would be reduced from \$3.00 to \$2.75 per month.

T. Fenton Knight, William E. Hays, Jr., and Uri B. Curtis each appeared in favor of the proposal and no one protested the granting of the application.

A careful consideration of the various matters included in the application leads to the conclusion that the granting of the several requests will be of material benefit to the public and that the application should be granted.

I submit the following Order:

O R D E R

Southern California Telephone Company having applied to the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the fixing of area boundaries and the filing of exchange and interexchange rates for the Laurel District Area, a public hearing having been held;

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA hereby finds as a fact that the increases in charges and modification of

services, rates and areas are justified.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern California Telephone Company may

- (1) Establish a Laurel District Area with a boundary as shown on a map filed at the hearing as "Exhibit No. 1."
- (2) Make effective in Laurel District Area the proposed extended service rates and charges set forth in "Exhibit No. 3" filed at the hearing, and such other rates as may be approved.
- (3) Establish an interexchange rate center at the present location of the Laurel central office with interexchange telephone rates.
- (4) Relocate the boundary of the Pasadena base rate area as shown on a map filed at the hearing as "Exhibit No. 1."
- (5) Enlarge the calling area of extended service subscribers located in the Laurel District Area by including therein the Crescenta exchange area.

The authority granted in (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) above is subject to the conditions that:

- (a) The effective dates thereof shall be concurrent and not subsequent to January 1, 1938.
- (b) The necessary rate filings shall be submitted to the Railroad Commission for filing not later than fifteen (15) days preceding the effective date thereof.
- (c) Telephone subscribers in Laurel District Area may change from foreign exchange service to extended service, or vice versa, without the payment of service connection charges, provided such change occurs between the effective date set forth in (a) above and sixty (60) days thereafter.

The foregoing Opinion and Order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

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 18th day of October, 1937.

Mattew May
Leon S. Howell
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Commissioners.