

Decision No. 32530

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
PUBLIC UTILITIES CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
to sell and transfer to CALIFORNIA-
PACIFIC UTILITIES COMPANY and of
CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC UTILITIES COMPANY
to purchase and acquire from PUBLIC
UTILITIES CALIFORNIA CORPORATION the
telephone toll line of PUBLIC UTILITIES
CALIFORNIA CORPORATION extending in a
general northwesterly direction from
the California-Arizona state boundary
line near Topock, Arizona, to, and
connecting with, the telephone exchange
at Needles, California, together with
all franchises and operating rights held
by PUBLIC UTILITIES CALIFORNIA CORPORA-
TION in connection therewith.

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Application No. 22972

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding, Public Utilities California Corporation asks permission to sell to the California-Pacific Utilities Company, at a price of \$1,500.00, a telephone toll line extending in a general northwesterly direction from the California-Arizona state boundary line near Topock, Arizona, to and connecting with the telephone exchange at Needles, California, together with all franchises and operating rights held by Public Utilities California Corporation in connection therewith.

The telephone toll line is approximately eleven miles in length and consists of about 372 poles and two metallic circuits, one of which is of No. 6 hard-drawn bare copper and the other of which is of No. 12 iron wire, or a total of about 44 miles of wire.

A copy of the agreement of sale is filed in this proceeding as Exhibit C, and a copy of the deed and bill of sale as Exhibit D.

The original cost of the telephone line is reported at \$4,354.35, and the present book value at \$2,100.00. The present fair market value in the opinion of the Public Utilities California Corporation is \$1,500.00.

The California-Pacific Utilities Company, which proposes to acquire said telephone toll line, owns the telephone exchange at Needles, California. The seller owns no properties in, and about Needles, California other than the toll line to which reference has been made. The toll line connects at the California-Arizona state boundary line with the telephone toll^{line}/of the Citizens Utilities Company. The Citizens Utilities Company owns and operates telephone exchanges serving Kingman and Oatman, Arizona and vicinity. The telephone exchange of the California-Pacific Utilities Company at Needles, California, is connected with the telephone exchanges of the Citizens Utilities Company in Kingman, and Oatman, Arizona, by the toll line to which reference has been made.

O R D E R

The Commission having considered applicants' request and it being of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a hearing is necessary and that the transfer of the toll line referred to in the foregoing opinion will be of mutual advantage to applicants and for the benefit of the public service, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Public Utilities California Corporation be, and it is hereby, authorized to sell and transfer, on or before December 31, 1939, to the California-Pacific Utilities Company the telephone toll line and other properties referred to in Exhibit D filed in this proceeding.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that the consideration to be paid by California-Pacific Utilities Company for said properties shall not be regarded as determining the value of said properties for the purpose of fixing rates.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that within thirty (30) days after the sale and transfer of said telephone properties, California-Pacific Utilities Company shall file with the Railroad Commission a verified copy of the deed and bill of sale under which it holds title to said properties.

DATED at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of September, 1939.

Paul W. ...
Stewart ...
Ray A. ...
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Justice D. ...
COMMISSIONERS