

Decision No. 22519**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the
 WILLITS TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
 a corporation, for an order authorizing
 rates and charges for certain services.

Application No. 22884

Ernest Irwin for Applicant

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Willits Telephone and Telegraph Company, operating a telephone and telegraph business in Laytonville and Covelo and adjacent territory in Mendocino County, requests authority to file certain rate schedules and base rate area maps.

Applicant, hereinafter sometimes termed the Willits Company, for some time past has been furnishing (1) Business and Residence Individual Line Flat Rate Service, (2) Business Extension Station Service, and (3) Farmer Line Service, from its Covelo exchange, and Farmer Line Service from its Laytonville exchange although no schedules of rates and charges therefor had been filed with the Commission. Testimony was received which shows that a demand for these services exists in the Covelo and Laytonville exchanges. The rates and charges, set forth in Exhibit "A" filed with the application, are those which have been used, have been accepted by subscribers, and which appear to be reasonable.

At the present time the Willits Company has no base rate areas in its exchanges. It is the general practice of California telephone utilities to establish one or more base rate areas in each exchange area within which base rate areas the higher grade services are furnished without mileage charges. Applicant has set forth in Exhibit "B" base rate areas for its Laytonville and Covelo exchanges with boundaries which apparently may be easily located in the field and which appear to be reasonable.

It is the general practice of California telephone utilities to have in effect schedules of mileage charges applicable when individual line service is furnished outside the base rate areas. A mileage charge is also made when extension stations are furnished off the premises where the primary stations are located. The Willits Company requests authority to file similar charges which are set forth in Exhibit "C." The proposed schedules are similar to those filed by other utilities for similar service.

No one objected to the granting of the application.

O R D E R

Willits Telephone and Telegraph Company having made application for authority to establish certain tariffs, a hearing having been held before Examiner Fry at Laytonville on November 2, 1939 and the matter having been submitted for decision,

The RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA hereby finds as a fact that the filing of the schedules of rates and charges and base rate area maps is justified, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Willits Telephone and Telegraph Company may make effective on or before February 1, 1940 the schedules of rates and charges set forth in Exhibits "A" and "C" and base rate area maps set forth in Exhibit "B" provided such schedules and maps are filed with the Railroad Commission not later than ten (10) days immediately preceding their effective date.

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 14th day of November, 1939.

Robert W. ...
Frank ...
Carl ...
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Justus F. ...
Commissioners