

Decision No. 32525

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY
 for an order authorizing change in
 rules pertaining to minimum charges
 for Press Messages, in California.

Application No. 23265

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION and ORDER

In this application The Western Union Telegraph Company, a corporation, operating a telegraph business in California and in other states, requests authority to modify its tariffs on file with the Railroad Commission so that the minimum charge for a press message will be ten cents (10¢).

It is stated in the application that during the year 1939 applicant handled two thousand four hundred and fifty three (2453) California intrastate press messages on which the charges were on the average about two cents (2¢) less than a minimum of ten cents (10¢) per message. It appears that it has become the general practice of telegraph companies to establish a minimum charge of ten cents (10¢) for press messages.

The Commission has given consideration to this request of applicant and is of the opinion that the proposed establishment of a minimum charge of ten cents (10¢) for press messages is justified and that the authority petitioned for should be granted, and that this is a matter in which a hearing is not required, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Western Union Telegraph Company may file and make effective on or before April 1, 1940, a minimum charge of ten cents (10¢) for a press message, query or order between any two points, provided the rate schedule therefor is submitted to the Railroad Commission for filing in accordance with General Order No. 68 not later than ten (10) days immediately preceding the effective date thereof.

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 20th day of February 1940.

Frank B. Miller
Ralph W. [unclear]
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Justice J. C. [unclear]
Commissioners