

Decision No. 33106

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of Macdoel Telephone Company,  
Incorporated for authority to  
abandon telephone service in the  
Macdoel Exchange at Macdoel,  
California

Application No. 23409

**ORIGINAL**

J. D. Hammond for Macdoel Telephone Company

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application Macdoel Telephone Company requests authority from the Railroad Commission to abandon the furnishing of telephone service and to discontinue public utility operations.

Applicant now furnishes telephone service to nine subscribers located in and about Macdoel, Siskiyou County, California. These subscribers' lines may be connected at Macdoel with a toll line which extends between Macdoel and Dorris about nine miles northeast. This toll line is the property of the Dorris Telephone Company. Telephone calls to other points in California and elsewhere are routed via Dorris, where connection with the toll lines of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is available.

The annual report of the Macdoel Telephone Company shows cost of plant and equipment, \$630; revenues for the year 1939, \$138.82; expenses, \$171.03; and a failure to make expenses

of \$32.21. A statement filed at the hearing shows that the outstanding cash indebtedness as of May 9, 1940 was \$124.26.

Mr. J. D. Hammond, who operates the system, stated that he has made tentative arrangements with the subscribers to pay the utility certain amounts of money necessary to pay its obligations. In return for this money the ownership of the property used in the subscribers' service will be transferred to them.

Mrs. Billie R. Starr, owner of Dorris Telephone Company, stated at the hearing that she did not wish to furnish telephone service in the Macdoel exchange area. As the users of telephone service at Macdoel desire and need service, Mr. James G. Marshall, attorney for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, stated that the Pacific Company would make arrangements to establish a toll station at Macdoel and make telephone service available to present subscribers under a "Toll Service-Station Service Schedule."

The record shows that the Macdoel Telephone Company cannot earn its operating expenses; that Mr. Hammond is handicapped in managing the property on account of having lost his sight; and, that upon abandonment of service by Macdoel Telephone Company present subscribers to service may secure service from The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. We are of the opinion that the application should be granted.

#### O R D E R

Macdoel Telephone Company having applied to the Railroad Commission for authority to abandon public utility operations, a hearing having been held in the matter before Examiner Fry at Macdoel on May 9, 1940, and the matter now being ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA hereby finds as a fact that the abandonment of public utility operations of Macdoel Telephone Company is justified, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Macdoel Telephone Company may abandon the furnishing of telephone service and may discontinue all public utility operations on or before August 1, 1940 provided it shall notify the Railroad Commission of that fact, in writing not later than fifteen (15) days before the date of said abandonment of telephone service.

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1940.

Ray L. Riley  
James D. Smith  
Ray L. Woodford  
W. M. M. M.  
Justin J. Green  
 Commissioners