

Decision No. 23496

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
 THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH  
 COMPANY and SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE  
 COMPANY for an order authorizing the  
 revision of the message telegram service  
 schedule to provide for a minimum charge  
 of ten cents (\$0.10) for a press dispatch.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Southern California Telephone Company, operating telephone and telegraph systems in California, herein request authority to modify their tariffs, filed with the Railroad Commission, so that the minimum charge for a press telegraph message will be ten cents (10¢).

The California intrastate press telegraph messages handled by these companies each year are few in number and the increase in revenues expected to result from this revision would be small. It is of record that the general practice of telegraph companies is to establish a minimum charge of ten cents (10¢) for press messages.

The Commission has given consideration to this application and is of the opinion that the proposed revision of these schedules is justified, that the authority asked for should be granted, and that this is not a matter in which a hearing is

required, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company may file and make effective, on or before August 1, 1940, a minimum charge of ten cents (10¢) for a press message, provided the rate schedule therefor is submitted to the Railroad Commission for filing not later than ten (10) days immediately preceding the effective date thereof.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Southern California Telephone Company may file and make effective, on or before August 1, 1940, a minimum charge of ten cents (10¢) for a press message, provided the rate schedule therefor is submitted to the Railroad Commission for filing 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1940.

Ray L. Riney  
Frank D. DeWitt  
Ralph A. Hines  
M. B. Kelly  
Justus J. Casmen  
(Commissioners)