

Decision No. 33716

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company
(California) for permission to correct
certain typographical errors in tariffs
within the State of California.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 23744

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, a California corporation, operating a telegraph and toll telephone business in California, herein requests authority to make certain modifications in its tariffs filed with the Railroad Commission.

For rate purposes the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company has overlaid the area of the United States with squares, fifty (50) miles on each side, arranged in staggered fashion. The telegram rates from points in one square to points in the same square or to points in adjoining squares or to points in noncontiguous squares are fixed on a uniform basis without regard to topography of the territory or to the routing of the facilities. On account of its great length north to south, the area of California has been divided into two parts which have been designated California North and California South for rate-making purposes. The maximum rate for a ten-word full rate telegram from a point in California North to a point in California South or vice versa is fifty (50) cents. "Other South Offices" as used herein are those offices located in California South.

Applicant states that it erroneously filed a rate of twenty-five (25) cents instead of the regular rate of thirty (30) cents for a ten-word full rate

telegram from San Diego, California, in Square 1219, to offices in Square 1180. An incorrect rate of twenty (20) cents was filed instead of the regular rate of twenty-five (25) cents for a full rate telegram from Walnut Creek, California, in Square 1276, to Oakland, San Francisco, Berkeley and Emeryville, California. Authority is requested for the filing of the regular rates for telegrams over these routes.

Applicant desires to file new rates of fifty (50) cents for ten-word full rate telegrams from Vallejo and Walnut Creek, California, both in Square 1276, to "Other South Offices."

The granting of this application would authorize the elimination of the irregularities discussed above. The new rates requested are the same as those regularly filed and applicable for similar service under similar conditions elsewhere in Applicant's service territory.

The Commission has given consideration to this application and is of the opinion that the rate schedule corrections proposed are justified, that the authority asked for should be granted, and that this is a matter in which a hearing is not required, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Postal Telegraph-Cable Company may file and make effective on or before February 1, 1941, the rates requested, provided the rate schedules therefor are 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 10th day of December

1940.

Ray G. Riley
George W. Mum
W. H. Hall
Justice F. Coe
(Commissioners)