

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 34186

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE
COMPANY, a corporation, for an order
to discontinue Heber Exchange and to
make El Centro Exchange service and
toll station service available to
subscribers in the Heber Exchange
Area.

Application No. 24138

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

Southern California Telephone Company, a corporation, operating a general telephone business in the southern part of the State of California, herein requests authority to modify its telephone service arrangements at Heber and vicinity in Imperial County.

Applicant desires (1) to discontinue its Heber exchange, (2) to include the present Heber exchange area in the El Centro exchange area, (3) to establish a public toll station at Heber, (4) to cancel all Heber exchange rates, and (5) to withdraw and cancel all interexchange telephone and telegraph rates for the Heber toll rate center.

Heber exchange is approximately five miles air-line distance south-east of El Centro and six miles air-line distance from Calexico; is operated with magneto equipment; and has filed hours of service from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily, including Sundays and holidays. After the transfer of the Heber exchange area to the El Centro exchange area, the Heber subscribers would have service available continuously, their local exchange calling area would be materially increased, and certain interexchange and message telegram rates would be increased and others would be decreased. The El Centro exchange and

interexchange rates would apply for service to subscribers in the Heber community after the consolidation of the area with the El Centro exchange area. Separate request has been made for authority to establish a toll station at a central location in Heber. All present subscribers to telephone service in the Heber exchange area and the agent for Southern California Telephone Company have signified their agreement to the discontinuance of the exchange.

The establishment of the proposed plan would result in a benefit to the public at Heber and incidentally to the El Centro community, and would result in an economy to Southern California Telephone Company by eliminating the expense of operating the Heber exchange.

The Commission has given careful consideration to the request of Southern California Telephone Company and is of the opinion and so finds that the application should be granted, and that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not required, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern California Telephone Company shall combine the Heber exchange area with the El Centro exchange area, cancel all exchange rates and maps now on file for Heber exchange, modify its El Centro exchange area to include the present Heber exchange area, and cancel all interexchange telephone and telegraph rates between the present Heber toll rate center and outside points, effective on or before August 1, 1941, subject to the condition that no irregularity or deviation from the schedules shall remain or be created thereby.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Southern California Telephone Company shall file with the Railroad Commission on or before the tenth day immediately preceding the effective date thereof, the rate sheets and service territory maps necessary to complete the plan heretofore described.

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 13th day of May, 1941.

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Commissioners