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Decision No. _____

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE COMPANY, LTD., a corporation, for authority to file and make effective throughout its entire system uniform rates and charges for long cords.

Application No. 24239

In the Matter of the Application of ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE COMPANY, LTD., a corporation, for an Order authorizing it to file rates for certain services.

Application No. 24241

Ernest Irwin, for Applicant
S. E. Vickers, for the City of Long Beach

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In Application No. 24239, Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., requests authority to file and make effective throughout its service areas, except Gaviota, Lake Hughes and Las Cruces exchange areas, uniform rates and charges for long cords on desk and hand set telephones.

In Application No. 24241, Applicant requests authority to file and regularly make effective charges for flat rate business off-premise extension station mileage in its Long Beach and San Bernardino exchanges, charges for semi-public coin-box telephone service in its Laguna Beach exchange, and certain rates and charges for moves and changes of apparatus and wiring in its Pomona exchange.

A public hearing in the two applications was held before Examiner Fry at Los Angeles on June 25, 1941, at which time the matters were consolidated for the purpose of receiving evidence and for decision.

Generally, portable telephones such as desk and hand sets are furnished with five and one-half or six-foot cords between the connecting block or signal box and the telephone proper. Some subscribers have desired to have their portable telephones equipped with cords of lengths exceeding the standard length. In order to meet this requirement, telephone utilities have filed with the Railroad Commission rates and charges for these long cords. Applicant furnishes long cord service in various telephone exchanges under nine different bases of charges. Many of these exchange properties were formerly under various ownerships. Rates and charges for long cord and other services were filed by the various owners with little regard to the level or type of rates filed by other utilities.

Mr. E. W. Watson, General Commercial and Traffic Superintendent for Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., testified that it is Applicant's purpose in this proceeding to secure authority to make uniform rates and charges for long cord service throughout its system except in its Gaviota, Lake Hughes and Las Cruces exchanges.

It is the practice of Applicant to have on hand a few long cords of the ten, fifteen and twenty-five foot lengths. Generally, service with cords of lengths greater than twenty-five feet is not offered as service requirements under such circumstances may be met by means of extension telephones. No monthly charges are included in the proposed schedule, which is now in effect in the Malibu, Santa Monica and West Los Angeles exchanges.

Mr. Watson stated that the increase in cost in the storeroom of telephones equipped with ten, fifteen and twenty-five foot cords, over those regularly equipped, is estimated to

be forty-nine (49) cents, eighty-six (86) cents and one dollar and thirty cents (\$1.30), respectively. The cost of replacing telephones with standard equipment on subscribers' premises with telephones with ten, fifteen and twenty-five foot cords is estimated to be two dollars and forty-six cents (\$2.46), two dollars and eighty-three cents (\$2.83) and three dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$3.27), respectively. The number of replacements on the subscribers' premises greatly exceeds the original installations with long cords. The schedule proposed is shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

It appears that the making effective of the proposed schedule on a uniform basis throughout the system should be authorized.

In Application No. 24241, Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., requests authority to file with the Commission, and regularly to place in effect for service in its Long Beach and San Bernardino exchanges, mileage charges for extension stations located off the premises on which the primary stations are located. The record shows that such charges are made in Applicant's other exchanges and in those of other telephone companies in California. We believe this rate treatment should be extended to the Long Beach and San Bernardino exchanges.

Applicant also requests authority to file and regularly make effective a rate schedule for semi-public coin-box service in the Laguna Beach exchange. The evidence shows that this type of service is now being furnished in this exchange without authorization of rates by the Railroad Commission. The level of the proposed rates is in line with that of rates in effect elsewhere in California for similar service under

similar conditions. The filing of this schedule of rates appears to be justified.

Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., has a rate schedule on file with the Railroad Commission which provides that the charges for moves and changes of apparatus and wiring in its Pomona exchange will be the cost of labor and materials involved. In its other exchanges, Applicant has in effect definite average fixed charges for such service. It is now desired that the schedule of rates and charges for moves and changes in its Pomona exchange be modified to agree with those effective in Applicant's other exchanges. It appears that this modification is in the public interest.

It is our opinion that, where feasible, the spread of the rates in Applicant's various exchanges should be similar in order to avoid discrimination among communities. Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., should secure authority from the Railroad Commission before furnishing service for which no rate schedules have been filed with the Commission.

O R D E R

Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., having made Applications Nos. 24239 and 24241 for authority to file and make effective certain rates and charges, a public hearing having been held and the matters having been consolidated for hearing and decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA hereby finds as a fact that the filing and making effective of the rates and charges herein authorized is justified, therefore

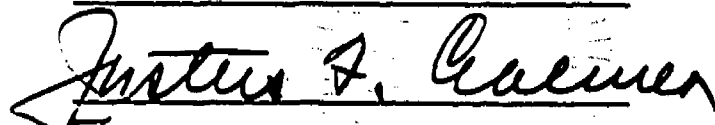
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., may file with the Railroad Commission, to become effective on or before October 15, 1941, the schedules of rates


and charges discussed in the preceding Opinion and as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and in Exhibits "A" and "C" attached to Application No. 24241 and in "Exhibit No. 4" and "Exhibit No. 6," filed at the hearing in Application No. 24241, provided such schedules are submitted for filing in accordance with General Order No. 68 not later than fifteen (15) 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 19th day of August, 1941.







Commissioners.

EXHIBIT "A"

EXCHANGE SERVICE - SCHEDULE NO. A-15

SUPPLEMENTAL EQUIPMENT

ALL EXCHANGES
EXCEPT GAVIOTA,
LAKE HUGUES AND
LAS CRUCES

RATE:

Long cords:	<u>Installation Charge</u>	<u>Rate per Month</u>
Two, three or four conductor cords:		
Each ten-foot cord	\$1.00	-
Each fifteen-foot cord	1.50	-
Each twenty-five foot cord	2.50	-
Each cord of length other than ten foot, fifteen foot and twenty- five foot, but not longer than twenty-five feet, the charge for the next longer cord plus	1.00	-
Cords of more than four conductors but not more than twenty-five feet in length	Actual Cost	-

CONDITIONS:

Long Cord Installations:

- (a) Long cord equipment as above listed is installed and owned by the company. Replacements required by proper maintenance are made by the company at the above installation charges.
- (b) Cords of lengths greater than standard will not be furnished on hand sets between the mounting and the transmitter-receiver unit. Only standard length receiver cords will be furnished with desk set service.
- (c) No installation charge applies when a change is made from an extra-length cord to a standard length cord.
- (d) The installation charge for desk and hand set cords of lengths other than standard applies in connection with each installation of such cords except as follows:
 - (1) When the instrumentalities in place include an extra-length cord and the applicant has ordered a cord of the same length.
 - (2) When a subscriber's desk or hand set service with an extra-length cord is moved to another premises of the same subscriber in the same building where instrumentalities are not in place and the same instrument and long cord is used at the new location.