Decision No. 34917

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD CONSCISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Natter of the Application of Hilda (Marx) Phillips to sell , and James S. Stokes to purchase the telephone property of Hilda (Marx) Phillips, known as the Redding-Stillwater Telephone Line

Application No. 24667

BY THE CONDUSSION:

## OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Hilda (Marx) Phillips requests authority to sell the telephone properties known and operated as the Redding-Stillwater Telephone Line, and James S. Stokes requests authority to purchase the same.

The public utility, operating under the fictitious name and title of Redding-Stillwater Telephone Line, furnishes telephone service over one multi-party line located northeast of Redding, Shasta County, California. The utility operates no central office, but receives switching service at the Redding central office of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The properties to be transferred are described in Exhibit "B" attached to the application, as follows:

> "Approximately 7 miles of metallic (loop). line of No. 12 iron wire

Approximately 5 miles of grounded line No. 12 iron wire

Approximately 250 native poles in fair condition

Approximately - an unknown quantity of pole line brackets and insulators and tree insulators

Nine telephone sets - of various makes." The original cost of these properties is not known. Copies of the agreement of sale and of the bill of sale were filed with the application as Exhibit "C." The sale price named is fifty dollars (\$50).

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> Hilda (Marx) Phillips has moved to Oakland, California, and desires to be relieved of the responsibility of operating the Redding-Stillwater Telephone Line. It is stated in the application that the purchaser, James S. Stokes, is at present a subscriber to service from the Redding-Stillwater line and has had experience in telephone construction and maintenance work.

The Commission has given careful consideration to the request of applicants 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 Hilda (Marx) Phillips be and she is hereby authorized to sell and transfer to James S. Stokes, on or before April 1, 1942, the telephone properties hereinbefore referred to and described.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that within thirty (30) days after the sale and transfer of said telephone properties James S. Stokes shall file with the Railroad Commission a verified copy of the bill of sale under which he holds title to said properties.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that James S. Stokes be and he is hereby authorized to operate said telephone properties under the fictitious name and title of Redding-Stillwater Telephone Line and to adopt, and furnish service under, the rates, rules and regulations now on file with the Railroad Commission pertaining to the service, provided he files with the Railroad Commission, not later than ten (10) days immediately preceding the date of the transfer of said properties, his written acceptance of the authorization herein granted.

12th day of Dated at San Francisco, California, this January, 1942.

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Commissioners