

Decision No. 35374

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of A. S. COOPER for authorization to discontinue telephone service, withdraw rates and cease operations in certain territory, and THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY to file rates and furnish service in said territory

ORIGINAL

Application No. 24963

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this matter A. S. Cooper, owner of a small telephone property at Middle River, San Joaquin County, requests authority to withdraw from the telephone business. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company joins in the application with a request for authority to extend service to the present subscribers of A. S. Cooper when A. S. Cooper discontinues his telephone operations.

The A. S. Cooper service is furnished to seventeen subscribers located in the delta section west of Stockton. Due to the poor health of the owner, who resides in Los Angeles, it is impossible for him to continue this service which has become unsatisfactory.

The Pacific Company is willing to extend its service area so that the A. S. Cooper subscribers may continue to receive telephone service under the tariffs of the Pacific Company.

Attached to the application as Exhibit "A" is a map showing the areas served. All subscribers have expressed their agreement to the change in service arrangements as shown by copies of letters in Exhibit "B" attached to the application.

The effect of the granting of the application will be a decrease in charges to each subscriber. The total reduction will amount to \$256.80 per year as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached to the application.

The Commission has given consideration to the requests of the applicants and is of the opinion that the application should be granted, and that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is required, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that A. S. Cooper be, and he hereby is authorized to withdraw from public utility telephone service on or before July 1, 1942 provided that not less than ten (10) days before the effective date of such withdrawal A. S. Cooper has filed notice thereof with the Railroad Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the withdrawal of A. S. Cooper from public utility telephone service, shall file the necessary map and rate sheets to cover: the establishment of a toll station at Middle River, former line service on a normal exchange basis, and toll service-station service, all as discussed in the application.

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 May, 1942.

Justus J. Calver
Ray L. Rice

Richard Jackson
Commissioners.