

Decision No. 36244**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
the MANTECA TELEPHONE COMPANY, a
corporation, for an Order authorizing
rates and charges for certain services.

Application No. 25508

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Manteca Telephone Company requests an order authorizing the filing of certain rates and charges for telephone service in the Manteca exchange. Applicant operates a general telephone business in the city of Manteca and surrounding territory all in San Joaquin County.

Manteca Telephone Company now furnishes private branch exchange service in its exchange area and bills charges for the service so furnished. No tariff schedules have been filed with the Railroad Commission for this service as required. The present application is made for the purpose of securing authority to correct this irregular condition. Private Branch Exchange Service Schedule No. A-7 set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to the application shows the rates and charges which Manteca Telephone Company desires to make effective for the various items usually embodied in such a tariff schedule. Applicant in Schedule No. A-4, Mileage Rates, included in the same Exhibit "A," shows mileage charges for private branch exchange trunk lines, battery supply circuits, and ringing power supply circuits which would be applicable for such service when the private branch exchange switchboard is located outside the base rate area. All of these new rates and charges have been reviewed and found to be on a rate level comparable to that for similar services furnished under similar conditions elsewhere in California.

At the present time Manteca Telephone Company has a fifteen-cent differential for service furnished with hand set station equipment as compared with the charges for the same class, type, and grade of service furnished with desk set equipment. This differential will be eliminated from the tariff schedules as shown in Exhibit "A" attached to the application.

Applicant has no rate of charge for extension stations on suburban lines although the service has been offered and furnished at one dollar per month for each such extension station with desk set equipment. The one dollar extension station rate set forth in Schedule No. A-5, Suburban Service, in Exhibit "A" is on the same level as other rates of Manteca Telephone Company.

The present Directory Listing Schedule No. A-14 would be supplemented to provide for free listings in the telephone directory for private branch exchange systems, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to the application.

Applicant desires to revise its Supplemental Equipment Schedule No. A-15 to add specific rates and charges for long cords, and rates for jack and plug installations, buzzer circuits, and weatherproof telephone sets. These are new services not now or previously offered or furnished and are similar to the rates and charges for similar service furnished elsewhere in California.

It is also proposed that Rules and Regulations Nos. 1, 4, 11, and 12 be revised to set forth more clearly certain conditions under which the telephone service is furnished in the Manteca exchange.

The Railroad Commission has carefully considered applicant's requests and is of the opinion, and so finds, that the filing and making effective of the rates and charges set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to the application are justified and that this is not a matter in which a hearing is required, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Manteca Telephone Company shall:

- (1) Make effective on or before May 1, 1943, the rates, charges, and rules and regulations substantially in the form in which the same are set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to the application.

- (2) Submit to the Railroad Commission for filing in accordance with General Order No. 96, the rates, charges, and rules and regulations referred to in (1) above, not later than ten (10) days immediately preceding their effective date.

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 23rd day of March, 1943.

Francis A. Hoover
J. H. Hall
Justus F. Casper
Richard L. Kachner
Thomas B. Owen
Commissioners