

Decision No. 36343**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 RUTH S. JONES, formerly Ruth Summers
 Saunders, for an Order Authorizing
 and Confirming a Transfer of TUOLUMNE
 TELEPHONE EXCHANGE Line and Property
 Operated as a Public Utility.

Application No. 25572

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Ruth S. Jones, formerly Ruth Summers Saunders, requests an Order of the Railroad Commission authorizing the transfer to her of the Tuolumne Telephone Exchange properties.

For many years prior to his death on February 25, 1943, George H. Jones operated these telephone properties as a public utility in the town of Tuolumne and surrounding territory all in Tuolumne County, California. The properties consist of fifteen miles of pole line, instruments, switchboards, fixtures, stations and station apparatus, right of ways, franchises, and materials and supplies. George H. Jones also owned the real property on which is situated the office of Tuolumne Telephone Exchange, said real property being described in Exhibit "B" attached to the application.

On April 30, 1942, for a valuable consideration, and for the purpose of protecting applicant, who was then Ruth Summers Saunders, George H. Jones made, executed and delivered to applicant an assignment and bill of sale (Exhibit "A") of all property belonging to and used in connection with the Tuolumne Telephone Exchange and also made, executed and delivered to applicant, a deed to the real property described in said Exhibit "B." The bill of sale and assignment and the deed were delivered to applicant with the understanding and agreement that applicant would hold the bill of sale and assignment and deed and would not record the same until the death of George H. Jones.

Applicant has for many years attended to the detail of the operation of the Tuolumne Exchange telephone properties. She will continue to operate the same under the rates now on file with the Commission. The cost of the telephone exchange properties is (Exhibit "C") reported to be \$6,650 and the 1942 operating revenues to be \$4,360.30.

The Commission has considered the application of Ruth S. Jones and is of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted as herein provided, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Ruth S. Jones may hold title to and operate the Tuolumne Telephone Exchange properties described in the application, provided

- (1) That the considerations named in the transfer of these properties shall not be construed as a measure of value of said properties for the purpose of fixing rates.
- (2) That within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Order, Ruth S. Jones shall file with the Railroad Commission a certified copy of the deed transferring the title to said properties.
- (3) That within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Order, Ruth S. Jones shall file with the Railroad Commission a notice that she adopts the tariff schedules, including rates, and rules and regulations now effective in the service territory of Tuolumne Telephone Exchange.

The effective date of this Order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of

May, 1943.

Frank R. Havens
W. H. Hill
Arthur J. Casper
Richard L. Gage
Samuel L. Lane
Commissioners.