

Decision No. 36788

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ORIGINAL

In the Matter of the Suspension and Investigation on the Commission's own motion of certain rates, rules and regulations filed by The Western Union Telegraph Company.

Case No. 4705

Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro, by Felix T. Smith and Henry G. Hayes, for The Western Union Telegraph Company. John J. O'Toole, Dion R. Holm, and Paul L. Beck for the City and County of San Francisco.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

On November 5, 1943, The Western Union Telegraph Company, under Advice No. 304, filed with the Railroad Commission seven tariff sheets setting forth rates and charges for long distance telephone service. Prior to October 8, 1943, the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company was furnishing a type of long distance service among certain communities in California. At midnight of October 7, 1943, Western Union acquired from Postal the property which was then being used in the furnishing of said long distance telephone service and thereafter continued the service without rates on file with the Railroad Commission. The filing referred to above was made to correct this situation.

The Commission, on November 7, 1943, ordered that said tariff sheets be suspended and their effectiveness deferred until January 6, 1944, pending an investigation thereof. A hearing was held in this matter on December 3, 1943, at San Francisco and the matter was submitted for decision after evidence had been presented.

Mr. M. T. Cook, General Manager of the Pacific Division of Western Union, testified to certain typographical errors in the filing and agreed that certain other changes in the schedules should be made. The schedules when so

changed will contain no rates higher than those charged by the Postal Company between the same toll points, nor higher than the toll rates of other utilities furnishing long distance service between the same toll rate points.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, and the matter having been submitted for decision,

IT IS ORDERED that the operation of certain tariffs designated as C.R.C. Sheets Nos. 1555-T, 1556-T, 1557-T, 1558-T, 1559-T, 1560-T, and 1561-T, submitted under Advice No. 304 by The Western Union Telegraph Company is hereby permanently suspended and the effectiveness thereof permanently deferred.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that The Western Union Telegraph Company file with the Railroad Commission on or before January 15, 1944, in accordance with General Order No. 96, the tariff schedules set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to this Order and hereby made a part hereof, and make the same applicable for billings covering service furnished from and after October 8, 1943.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December,

1943.

Francis D. Havens

Justice F. Garwood  
Richard L. Taylor  
James W. Clark  
Commissioners

EXHIBIT "A"

LONG DISTANCE RATES



SCHEDULE NO. B-1LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICEAPPLICABILITY

Applicable to long distance telephone service furnished on a message toll basis.

TERRITORY

Between and at points within the State of California where plant facilities and other related equipment can be made available for long distance telephone service. Intracity service is not furnished.

A list of the points in California where service is furnished is shown below:

Bakersfield  
Brawley  
El Centro  
Fresno  
Lodi  
Los Angeles  
Oakland

Redlands  
Sacramento  
San Bernardino  
San Diego  
San Francisco  
Stockton

SCHEDULE NO. B-1LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICERATES

## (1) Telephone Toll Rates:

	Rate Period	Bakers- field	Brawley	El Centro	Fresno	Lodi	Los Angeles	Oakland
Bakers- field	Initial		1.15	1.20	.55	1.10	.55	1.10
	Overtime		.35	.40	.10	.35	.10	.35
Brawley	Initial	1.15		.15*	1.35	1.55	.90	1.60
	Overtime	.35		.05x	.45	.50	.30	.50
El Centro	Initial	1.20	.15*		1.35	1.55	.95	1.60
	Overtime	.40	.05x		.45	.50	.30	.50
Fresno	Initial	.55	1.35	1.35		.80	1.00	.85
	Overtime	.10	.45	.45		.25	.30	.15
Lodi	Initial	1.10	1.55	1.55	.80		1.30	.35
	Overtime	.35	.50	.50	.25		.40	.05
Los Angeles	Initial	.55	.90	.95	1.00	1.30		1.35
	Overtime	.10	.30	.30	.30	.40		.45
Oakland	Initial	1.10	1.60	1.60	.85	.35	1.35	
	Overtime	.35	.50	.50	.15	.05	.45	
Rodlands	Initial	.75	.70	.70	1.10	1.35	.35	1.40
	Overtime	.25	.20	.20	.35	.45	.10	.45
Sacra- mento	Initial	1.15	1.60	1.60	.90	.25	1.35	.40
	Overtime	.35	.50	.50	.20	.05	.45	.10
San Bernardino	Initial	.70	.70	.70	1.05	1.35	.35	1.40
	Overtime	.15	.25	.20	.25	.45	.10	.45
San Diego	Initial	1.05	.55	.50	1.25	1.45	.65	1.50
	Overtime	.35	.15	.15	.40	.45	.20	.50
San Francisco	Initial	1.15	1.60	1.60	.90	.35	1.35	.08
	Overtime	.35	.50	.50	.20	.05	.45	.02
Stockton	Initial	1.05	1.55	1.55	.70	.15*	1.25	.30
	Overtime	.35	.50	.50	.15	.05x	.40	.05

\* Initial period rates are for 3 minutes, except where indicated by an (\*) sign, in which case the initial period rates are for 5 minutes.

x Overtime period rates are for 1 minute, except where indicated by an (x) sign, in which case overtime rates are for 2 minutes.

SCHEDULE NO. B-1LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICERATES

## (1) Telephone Toll Rates:

	Rate Period	Rod- lands	Sacra- mento	San Bern- ardino	San Diego	San Francisco	Stockton
Bakers- field	Initial	.75	1.15	.70	1.05	1.15	1.05
	Overtime	.25	.35	.15	.35	.35	.35
Brawley	Initial	.70	1.60	.70	.55	1.60	1.55
	Overtime	.20	.50	.25	.15	.50	.50
El Centro	Initial	.70	1.60	.70	.50	1.60	1.55
	Overtime	.20	.50	.20	.15	.50	.50
Fresno	Initial	1.10	.90	1.05	1.25	.90	.70
	Overtime	.35	.20	.25	.40	.20	.15
Lodi	Initial	1.35	.25	1.35	1.45	.35	.15*
	Overtime	.45	.05	.45	.45	.05	.05x
Los Angeles	Initial	.35	1.35	.35	.65	1.35	1.25
	Overtime	.10	.45	.10	.20	.45	.40
Oakland	Initial	1.40	.40	1.40	1.50	.08	.30
	Overtime	.45	.10	.45	.50	.02	.05
Rodlands	Initial		1.40	.10*	.50	1.40	1.35
	Overtime		.45	.05#	.15	.45	.45
Sacra- mento	Initial	1.40		1.40	1.50	.45	.25
	Overtime	.45		.45	.50	.10	.05
San Bern- ardino	Initial	.10*	1.40		.55	1.40	1.35
	Overtime	.05#	.45		.15	.45	.45
San Diego	Initial	.50	1.50	.55		1.50	1.45
	Overtime	.15	.50	.15		.50	.45
San Francisco	Initial	1.40	.45	1.40	1.50		.35
	Overtime	.45	.10	.45	.50		.05
Stockton	Initial	1.35	.25	1.35	1.45	.35	
	Overtime	.45	.05	.45	.45	.05	

\* Initial period rates are for 3 minutes, except where indicated by an (\*) sign, in which case the initial period rates are for 5 minutes.

x, # Overtime period rates are for 1 minute, except where indicated by an (x) or a (#) sign. The (x) sign indicates the overtime rates are for 2 minutes. The (#) sign indicates the overtime rates are for 3 minutes.

SCHEDULE NO. B-1LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICERATES

	<u>Guarantee</u>	
(2) Toll Guarantee:		
Minimum monthly toll usage guarantee:		
Each main station . . . . .	\$ 5.00	
Each off-premises extension station . . . . .	5.00	
Each on-premises extension station . . . . .	-	
(3) Extension Stations:	<u>Rate per Month</u>	
Each extension station . . . . .	\$ 1.00	
(4) Mileage:	<u>Rate per Month</u>	
Off-premises extension station line:		
Each one-quarter mile or fraction thereof, air-line measurement . . . . .	\$ .75	
(5) Move and Change Charges:	<u>Charge</u>	
Moving subscribers' telephone sets from one location to another on the same premises:		
Each set . . . . .	\$ 3.50	
Each change of subscribers' telephone set . . . . .	3.50	
(6) Supplemental Equipment:		
	<u>Installation Charge</u>	<u>Rate per Month</u>
Each head set . . . . .	\$ -	\$ .25
Each extension bell . . . . .	1.00	.30

SCHEDULE NO. B-1LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICECONDITIONS

## 1. Installation of Equipment:

Telephone facilities will be furnished by the Telegraph Company for the use of subscribers without installation charge, except where indicated.

## 2. Monthly Toll Usage Guarantee:

Under the application of the minimum monthly toll usage guarantee shown in the schedule, each main and each off-premises extension station will be furnished subject to a guarantee of long distance telephone usage amounting to \$5.00 per month. Only long distance telephone toll charges apply toward the guarantee. In the event the monthly toll usage of a main station or an off-premises extension station does not equal the guarantee, the subscriber will be billed the amount of the guarantee applicable to such station. No guarantee applies to on-premises extension stations, which are extension stations located in the same building as the main station.

## 3. Extension Stations:

Extension stations located in the same building as the main station will be furnished at the rate specified in the tariff schedule. Extension stations located off the premises on which the main station is located will be furnished at the extension station rate plus the mileage rate and subject to the minimum monthly guarantee specified in the tariff schedule.

## 4. Moves and Changes:

Moves and changes of equipment made at the request of a subscriber will be charged for in accordance with the schedule. Charges for moves and changes do not apply when such moves and changes are initiated by the Telegraph Company or are required for the proper maintenance of the equipment. The Telegraph Company reserves the right to enter the premises of a subscriber for the purpose of inspecting or moving equipment at all reasonable hours.

## 5. Hours of Service:

Service is available during the normal open hours at offices in each of the points listed in the schedule. Service furnished between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. on week-days and all day on Sunday, will be charged for at one-half the rate shown in the schedule.

## 6. Manner of Charge:

Charges will be made on completed toll calls only. Where a patron desires connection with a particular individual and contact cannot be established, no charge will be made for the attempted call.

## 7. Collect Calls:

Calls may be made on a "collect" basis, provided the called party will assume the charges. If the call is refused, no charge will be made for the attempted call.