

Decision No. 37069

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH
COMPANY and SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE COMPANY for an order
authorizing an adjustment in rates
applicable to intrastate message
telegram service.

Application No. 26090

ORIGINAL

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Southern California Telephone Company request authority to change certain of their rates and charges for California intrastate message telegram service.

Applicants operate general telephone and telegraph businesses in California and have their tariff schedules on file with the Railroad Commission. The telegraph businesses of these companies is subsidiary to their telephone businesses. They have in effect an agreement with The Western Union Telegraph Company relative to the joint handling of California intrastate message telegram service under certain conditions. It is, therefore, desirable that the same or a similar level of rates and charges be applied by the respective companies in so far as practicable. The Western Union Telegraph Company, in compliance with the Order of the Railroad Commission in Decision No. 36845, dated January 25, 1944, in Case No. 4692, filed its basic plan for California intrastate message telegram service together with certain rates and charges for such service. Applicants herein desire to make effective for their message telegram services the same rates and charges as have been filed with the Railroad Commission by The Western Union Telegraph Company.

In order to accomplish uniformity with Western Union rates, applicants in this application and the Amendment thereto request authority to file certain

modified basic rates and charges as set forth in Exhibits "A" and "D"; a California map of "squares," as set forth in Exhibit "B"; and certain rate sheets setting forth the method of applying rates and exceptions to the basic square rates, as set forth in Exhibit "C"; which are attached to the application and Amendment, and which conform to the basic plan.

The indicated revisions will result in decreases in one hundred and thirty-one (131) rates between squares, and increases in twenty-nine (29) rates between squares. The annual gross revenue decrease is estimated to be one thousand and fifty dollars (\$1,050) and the annual gross revenue increase is estimated to be two hundred dollars (\$200).

The Commission has considered applicants' requests and is of the opinion that a public hearing is not necessary in this matter and that the application should be granted, wherefore

IT IS ORDERED that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company may file with the Railroad Commission on or before August 1, 1944, effective fifteen (15) days after the date of filing:

- (1) Adjusted tariff schedules for message telegram service as set forth in Exhibits "A" and "D" attached to the application and the Amendment thereto;
- (2) A basic square map for the State of California, as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached to the application;
- (3) A modification of its Telegraph Service Schedule No. C-9, as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached to the application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Southern California Telephone Company under its present filed Adoption Notice may assent to, adopt, and concur in the tariff schedules, including map of California squares, authorized above, and as of the same effective date.

Dated San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of May, 1944.

Richard L. Jackson
Justice F. Coe
Francis R. Havenner

Edward J. Lawrence
Commissioners.