Decision No. 37240

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE COMPANY, LTD. for an Order authorizing it to sell certain telephone plant located on the Military Reservation of the San Bernardino Army Air Depot.

Application No. 26253

BY THE COMMISSION:

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## OPINION AND ORDER

In this application, Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. asks permission to sell to the United States of America, War Department, for \$36,138.95, the distributing telephone plant located on the Military Reservation of the San Bernardino Army Air Depot described in Exhibit 2 on file in this application.

Applicant states in its application that the selling price of \$36,138.95 is based upon the original cost of the facilities involved, less proper credit for plant retirement and accrued depreciation.

The War Department now owns all of the distributing plant at the San Bernardino Army Air Depot except that portion mentioned herein and certain telephone station instrumentalities and teletypewriter equipment. The Signal Corps of the United States Army is desirous of terminating the mixed ownership of the telephone plant located on the Military Reservation. If the sale is consummated, it is anticipated that the telephone station instrumentalities now in use on the Military Reservation and owned by the applicant will be replaced by similar equipment owned by the War Department, thereby placing ownership of the entire plant in the United States Government.

Exhibit 3, attached to the application, is a copy of a contract between applicant and the Secretary of War which permits applicant to use certain of the War Department's circuits for public pay-station service. There will be no change in service or in the rates applicable to such public pay-station service.

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

IT IS ORDERED that Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. be, and it is hereby authorized to sell for \$36,138.95 to the United States of America, War Department, on or before January 1, 1945, the properties described in Exhibit 2, on file in this application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within sixty (60) days after the sale of said properties, Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. shall file with the Railroad Commission, a copy of the book entries reflecting the sale of said properties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall become effective upon the date hereof.

Dated at San Thances California, this / day of Assent

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