

Decision No. 38168

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation upon the Commission's own motion into the reasonableness of all rates, tolls, rentals, charges, classifications, rules, regulations, contracts, and practices, or any of them, of PUBLIC UTILITIES CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, applicable to California intrastate telephone service in the Susanville Area.

ORIGINAL

Case No. 4744

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This proceeding was instituted on the Commission's own motion for the purpose of investigating rates and charges of Public Utilities California Corporation with particular reference to toll telephone service in the Susanville area.

Following a public hearing held in San Francisco on October 31, 1944, the Commission issued its Decision No. 37457, dated November 9, 1944, under the terms of which the company was to make certain rate reductions estimated at \$10,000 on an annual basis and establish a contingency reserve in the amount of \$10,000 out of 1944 earnings to be used for deferred maintenance and other specified purposes. The company has complied with the Commission's Order.

Requests for a further hearing in this matter to be held at Alturas were received by the Commission prior to October 31, 1944, the date of hearing in San Francisco, from the Board of Supervisors, Modoc County; the Mayor of the City of Alturas; and from other interested parties. These requests appeared to deal primarily with service rather than rates. The Commission in said Decision No. 37457 was of the opinion that the reduction in the company's rates should become effective without delay and the proceeding be held open for such further consideration on the matter of service as might be required.

The Commission is now in receipt of a letter dated August 4, 1945 from the District Attorney of Modoc County, speaking for the Board of Supervisors,

requesting that this matter be indefinitely taken from the Commission's active calendar. The company has agreed to provide improvements in telephone service for the residents of Modoc County as outlined in its letter to the Board of Supervisors of Modoc County under date of July 13, 1945, a copy of which was furnished the Commission.

We are of the opinion that the investigation in Case No. 4744 should now be discontinued rather than indefinitely postponed and the matter dismissed with the understanding that a new proceeding may be instituted in the event that further action is required.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this proceeding be and it is hereby dismissed.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of

August, 1945.

Howard Ruden
Justice J. C. ...
Richard ...

Justice ...
(Commissioners)