

Decision No. 39063

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application )  
of ALICE A. RICHARDSON, J. NED )  
RICHARDSON and ROBERT LEE RICH- )  
ARDSON, copartners under the name )  
of RICHARDSON SPRINGS TELEPHONE )  
COMPANY, for an order confirming )  
transfer of telephone lines and )  
property operated as a public )  
utility. )

ORIGINAL

Application  
No. 27541

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application it is set forth, among other things, that Alice A. Richardson and Lee Richardson, co-partners doing business under the name of Richardson Springs Telephone Company, formerly operated a telephone utility including a telephone line from Richardson Springs to Chico; that Lee Richardson, one of said co-partners, died on March 26, 1945; that J. Ned Richardson was appointed administrator of the Estate of Lee Richardson; and that on April 1, 1946, the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Butte, made its Decree of Final Distribution whereby the one-half interest of the decedent, Lee Richardson, in the Richardson Springs Telephone Company is distributed in equal shares to J. Ned Richardson and Robert Lee Richardson.

It further appears that the two distributees, J. Ned Richardson and Robert Lee Richardson, have formed a co-partnership with decedent's surviving partner, Alice A. Richardson, and that the new co-partnership, under the name of Richardson Springs

Telephone Company, will continue the operation of the telephone utility under the same rates, rules and regulations heretofore filed by Alice A. Richardson and Lee Richardson. The co-partners therefore ask the Commission to make an order authorizing them to acquire and operate the business and properties.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion that a public hearing is not necessary and that the request of applicants should be granted, as herein provided, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the transfer of the telephone utility property, referred to herein, to Alice A. Richardson, J. Ned Richardson and Robert Lee Richardson, as co-partners, be, and it hereby is, authorized, provided that the action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of value of said properties.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Alice A. Richardson, J. Ned Richardson and Robert Lee Richardson be, and they hereby are, authorized to operate, under the name of Richardson Springs Telephone Company, the telephone properties referred to herein, provided that they adopt the rates, rules and regulations on file with the Commission by Alice A. Richardson and Lee Richardson, in accordance with the provisions of the Commission's General Order No. 96.

The authority herein granted will become effective upon the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of June, 1946.

Harold Phillips  
Justus F. Calver

August Powell

Harold Hale  
Commissioners