Decision No. <u>40345</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE COMPANY, LTD.,) a corporation, for a certificate) declaring that public convenience) and necessity require the exercise) by it of the rights and privileges) conferred upon it under the franchise) granted it by the City Council of the) City of Hermosa Beach, by Ordinance) No. 41 (N.S.) on the 21st day of) January, 1947.

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Application No. 28290

Marshall K. Taylor for Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., Applicant,

<u>o p i n i o n</u>

Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., a corporation, operating a telephone system in various communities in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, and Santa Barbara Counties, in the State of California, herein requests the Public Utilities Commission to issue its order granting Applicant a certificate that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by it of the rights and privileges conferred upon it under a franchise granted to Applicant by the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach by Ordinance No. 41 (N.S.), on January 21, 1947.

A public hearing was held on May 19, 1947 in Los Angeles, before Examiner Syphers.

A copy of the franchise granted by the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach is attached to the application. Proof of publication of the Notice of Hearing was produced at the hearing.

It was stipulated that Applicant would never claim or urge any value for said franchise granted under Ordinance No. 41 (N.S.) of the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach, greater than the actual cost thereof, which was three hundred dollars, paid to the City of Hermosa Beach.

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Applicant and its predecessor in interest have been operating under a franchise from the City of Hermosa Beach for the past thirty years. This franchise expired June 3, 1946. The granting of this certificate, which was not contested, will not cause any change in service or rates.

The certificate of public convenience and necessity granted herein is subject to the following provision of law:

That the Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of the franchise involved herein or this certificate of public convenience and necessity or the right to own, operate or enjoy such franchise or certificate of public convenience and necessity in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the state or to a political subdivision thereof as the consideration for the grant of such franchise, certificate of public convenience and necessity or right.

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Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. having requested the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California to grant it a certificate that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by it of the rights and privileges conferred upon it by the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach on January 21, 1947 by Ordinance No. 41 (N.S.), a public hearing having been held and the Commission being fully advised and finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., authorizing the exercise by it of the rights and privilegas granted it by the City of Hermosa Beach, by Ordinance No. 41 (N.S.).

The effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days from the date

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