

Decision No. 41094

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
CALIFORNIA WATER & TELEPHONE COMPANY
to increase telephone rates.

Application No. 28693

Racigalupi, Elkus and Salinger, by Claude N. Rosenberg for Applicant, California Water & Telephone Company; J. J. Deuel and Edson Abel for California Farm Bureau Federation; Neville R. Lewis for the City of San Fernando; F. V. Rhodes for the California Independent Telephone Association; Paul F. Garber and Wilbur D. Garber for the City of Monrovia; and Thomas A. Reynolds for the City of Sierra Madre.

SUPPLEMENT TO INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

The Commission has been advised that the California Water & Telephone Company plans to commence exchange operations in the Joshua Tree exchange on January 20, 1948, and the company has requested that the level of rates authorized on an interim basis in Decision No. 40971 (Application No. 28693) for Desert Hot Springs exchange be authorized to become effective on January 20, 1948 for Joshua Tree exchange.

By Decision No. 40457, dated June 28, 1947, (Application No. 28447) the Commission authorized the company to establish a telephone exchange at Joshua Tree on or before June 30, 1948 and to file rates for service in that exchange coincident with its establishment.

In Application No. 28693, filed September 4, 1947, the company requested authority to make effective a general increase in rates and charges for telephone service furnished by it, including increases over the rates and charges authorized for Joshua Tree exchange under Decision No. 40457.

On October 20, 1947, the company filed its first supplemental application requesting an interim emergency increase in rates and charges. The Commission issued its interim order (Decision No. 40971) in Application No. 28693 on November 25, 1947, authorizing increases of some \$105,000 annually in rates and charges for telephone service in exchanges operated by the company. No changes in rates were authorized for the Joshua Tree exchange under Decision No. 40971.

Pending final disposition of the matter in Application No. 28693, the Commission is of the opinion that the rates and charges authorized for Desert Hot Springs exchange should be placed into effect in the Joshua Tree exchange on an interim basis as requested by the company and the order will so provide.

INTERIM ORDER

Request having been made by California Water & Telephone Company for a supplemental order authorizing increases in telephone rates and charges to become effective, coincident with the establishment of the Joshua Tree exchange on January 20, 1948, the Commission hereby finds as a fact that the telephone rates and charges hereinafter authorized are justified on an interim basis pending further Commission order, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Applicant is authorized to file and publish in accordance with General Order No. 96, the rates, conditions, and rules and regulations for Joshua Tree exchange applicable for like service in Desert Hot Springs exchange.
2. Applicant is authorized, on not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and to the public to make said rates, conditions, and rules and regulations effective on and after January 20, 1948.

This Supplemental Opinion and Order shall become effective ten (10) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th
day of January, 1948.

Harold P. Hule
Justice J. Coe
W. H. Powell
R. T. Dunning
Lawrence Potter

Commissioners