

Decision No. 41541

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 GEORGE R. PYLE and PAUL D. TOFT for
 an order authorizing GEORGE R. PYLE
 to sell to said PAUL D. TOFT an undivided
 one-half interest in that certain business
 now conducted by ALLAN V. SCHILLER and said
 GEORGE R. PYLE under the name and style of
 THE LASSEN TELEPHONE COMPANY

ORIGINAL

Application No. 29283

OPINION AND ORDER

This is an application for an order of the Public Utilities Commission authorizing George R. Pyle to sell and transfer to Paul D. Toft his undivided one-half interest in the properties comprising the Lassen Telephone Company. The agreed purchase price is \$6,000, of which \$3,000 will be paid in cash and the balance will be represented by an unsecured note payable in monthly installments of \$30 with interest at the rate of 5% per annum. A copy of the note, a copy of the deed and bill of sale, and a copy of the articles of copartnership between Allan V. Schiller and Paul D. Toft are on file in this application.

The present partners report the investment less accrued depreciation in their telephone properties at \$16,067.37. An inventory of the properties attached to the application includes a 150-line Kellogg magneto switchboard equipped for 50 lines and 180 stations, about ten miles of toll pole line, about 95 miles of exchange pole line, about 20 miles of toll wire, about 335 miles of exchange wire and miscellaneous tools and equipment.

Annual reports to the Commission show for 1947 operating revenues of \$9,025.44 and net operating revenues of \$402.18.

Seller, because of his desire to return to his former residence, desires to retire from the operation of the telephone properties. The application shows that the purchaser has for many years past been a civilian employee working in communications for the United States Navy and has agreed to form a partnership with Allan V. Schiller for the purpose of operating the telephone properties now owned by Allen V. Schiller and George R. Pyle, and to purchase the undivided one-half interest of George R. Pyle. He has investigated the properties and their operation and believes that in association with Allan V. Schiller they can render satisfactory telephone service.

The prospective partners will furnish telephone service in the area now served by the present partners at the rates and subject to the rules and regulations which are now on file with the Commission.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion that a public hearing is not necessary, that the application should be granted as herein provided, and that the money, property or labor to be procured or paid for through the issue of a note herein authorized is reasonably required for the purpose specified herein, which purpose is not in whole or in part reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. George R. Pyle after the effective date hereof and on or before June 30, 1948, may sell and transfer his undivided one-half interest in the properties comprising the Lassen Telephone Company more particularly described in deed and bill of sale on file in this application, to Paul D. Toft.
2. Paul D. Toft after the effective date hereof and on or before June 30, 1948, for the purpose of financing in part the purchase price of said one-half interest in the aforementioned properties may issue a note for \$3,000 payable in monthly installments of \$30 with interest at the rate of 5% per annum.

3. Paul D. Toft, if he acquires the said interest in the properties referred to herein, shall, prior to or concurrently with the acquisition thereof, file with the Commission a statement showing that he and Allan V. Schiller adopt rates, rules and regulations of the Lassen Telephone Company now on file with the Commission. Upon the acquisition of said interest in the telephone properties by Paul D. Toft, George R. Pyle is relieved of his public utility obligations to supply telephone service.
4. The authority herein granted is not to be construed as a finding of value of the properties herein authorized to be transferred.
5. The authority herein granted will become effective when Paul D. Toft has paid the minimum fee prescribed by Section 57 of the Public Utilities Act, which fee is Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25).

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 4th day
of May, 1948.

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Justus Z. [unclear]
Deputy [unclear]
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Commissioners.

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