Decision No. <u>4274</u>9

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of PUBLIC UTILITIES CALIFORNIA CCRPCRATION, a corporation, for Authority to Adopt Direct Toll Rates for Inter-Company Telephone Messages, and to Adjust and Increase Intrastate Rates and Charges Applicable to Telephone Exchange Service and to Intra-Company Tell Telephone Service.

Application No. 30023 (First Supplemental)

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On July 19, 1949, the Commission, in Decision No. 43134, stated in reference to the Chester exchange of the Public Utilities California Corporation, now known as the Citizens Utilities Company of California, that "The rates for magneto service at Chester will not be changed, and the rates for dial service will be authorized in a supplemental order after a showing by the applicant as to the date on which dial service will be inaugurated."

On January 19, 1950, Citizens Utilities Company filed a supplemental application in this matter alleging that it will have completed by January 15, 1950, the conversion of the Chester exchange to dial operation and requesting authorization to make effective the same rates for the Chester exchange as are effective in its other dial exchanges, as contemplated in Decision No. 43134.

In the opinion in Decision No. 43134, the Commission stated that applicant would be expected to submit proposals for appropriate revisions of base rate areas. In the supplemental application, applicant states that it proposes to enlarge the Chester base rate area, and a filing covering such revision will be made not later than March 1, 1950. It would appear appropriate that such filing be made to become effective on March 1, 1950.

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The Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, having considered the applicant's request, and being of the opinion that a public hearing is not required, and that the applicant's request should be granted, hereby finds as a fact that the increases in rates and charges herein authorized are justified; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Citizens Utilities Company of California is hereby authorized to file, in accordance with General Order No. 96, the tariff schedules set forth in Exhibit A attached to the First Supplemental Application and after not less than five (5) days notice to the Commission and the public, to make said rates effective on and after March 1, 1950.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 14th day of Allenany, 1950.

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