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Decision No. 45856

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. for Authority to Issue and Sell 350,000 Shares of Its Cumulative Preferred Stock, \$20 Par Value, 5% 1947 Series, without competitive bidding.

Application No. 32439 (First Supplemental)

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 45846, dated June 19, 1951, the Commission exempted from competitive bidding a proposed issue by Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. of 350,000 shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock, \$20 Par Value, 5% 1947 Series, and authorized the company to issue and sell said shares on or before December 31, 1951, at a price to be fixed in a supplemental order.

In a supplemental application filed on June 25, 1951, the company reports that it proposes to enter into an agreement, a copy of which is filed with said supplemental application, granting to underwriters a sixty-day option to purchase said 350,000 shares of stock at a price of \$18.95 a share, flat, with the right granted the company, if it so desires, to extend the period of the option for one or more thirty-day periods which would expire not later than December 31, 1951. It is reported that the underwriters propose to offer the shares to the public at \$20, flat. The Commission is asked to make a supplemental order authorizing the sale of the shares under these terms.

The order of the Commission in the former decision also authorized the company to issue and sell 350,000 shares of common

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stock, but provided that such authority would not become effective until twenty days after the date thereof. It appears that it is necessary or desirable that said shares of common stock be issued prior to the time the sale of the shares of preferred stock is initiated. Accordingly, the company has requested the Commission to modify its former order so as to permit it to issue and sell said shares of common stock, and thereby to proceed with the sale of the shares of preferred stock, as soon as possible.

The Commission has considered these requests and is of the opinion that they should be granted; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., after the date hereof and on or before December 31, 1951, may issue and sell the 350,000 shares of preferred stock authorized by Decision No. 45846, dated June 19, 1951, at a price of \$18.95 a share, flat, under the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement filed with the Commission.

2. The order in Decision No. 45846, dated June 19, 1951, hereby is modified so as to permit Associated Telephone Company, Ltd. to issue and sell the 350,000 shares of common stock authorized therein upon and after the date hereof and on or before August 31, 1951.

3. The authority granted in this first supplemental opinion and order is effective upon the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this _____ day of June, 1951.

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