

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 47366

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
The Western Telephone Company for)	Application
authority to issue a \$54,000 note.)	No. 33499
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OPINION AND ORDER

The Western Telephone Company, applicant herein, is a corporation engaged in operating telephone properties in portions of Humboldt, Trinity and Mendocino counties. In this application it seeks authorization to issue a note in the principal amount of \$54,000 for the purpose of refunding outstanding indebtedness.

The application shows that in 1950 applicant purchased the properties of J. P. Thomas Telephone Company and Willits Telephone and Telegraph Company, and that it borrowed \$54,000 on short-term notes from Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association to finance, in part, the cost of acquisition and of improvements as follows:

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| 1. Cash payment to previous owners of J. P. Thomas Telephone Company and the Willits Telephone and Telegraph Company properties, upon acquisition of those properties in accord with Decision No. 44709 | \$10,000 |
| 2. New switchboard and equipment-Garberville | 15,000 |
| Facilities to connect Garberville and Laytonville | 10,000 |
| Reconstruction of toll lines from Laytonville to Willits | 14,000 |
| Reconstruction of Garberville to Fort Seward and Blocksburg pole line-Fort Seward and Blocksburg section | <u>5,000</u> |
| Total | <u>\$54,000</u> |

Applicant now desires to replace the presently outstanding notes with a new note to be payable on demand or, if no demand is made, to be paid within one year from the date of the new note, with interest at the rate of 5% per annum.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The Western Telephone Company, after the effective date hereof and on or before October 31, 1952, may issue to Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association a note in the principal amount of not exceeding \$54,000, payable on demand or, if no demand is made, to be paid within one year from the date of the note, with interest at the rate of 5% per annum. Applicant shall issue the note for the purpose of refunding outstanding indebtedness of like amount.

2. Applicant shall file with the Commission monthly reports as required by General Order No. 24-A, which order, insofar as applicable, is made a part of this order.

3. The authority herein granted will become effective when applicant has paid the fee prescribed by Section 1904(b) of the Public Utilities Code, which fee is fifty-four (\$54.00) dollars.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of June, 1952.

R. T. [Signature]
President

Harold P. [Signature]

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Commissioners

