

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 47791

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
the ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE COMPANY, LTD., )  
and THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH )  
COMPANY for authority for the Associated )  
Telephone Company, Ltd., to sell certain ) Application No. 33695  
operating property to The Pacific Tele- )  
phone and Telegraph Company and for the )  
Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., to )  
cease public utility operations in )  
certain territory. )

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., seeks authority to sell for \$10,832.84 certain telephone facilities located in an area known as Potrero Heights within the Whittier exchange, Los Angeles County, to The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, and to cease public utility operations in said area. A map of the Potrero Heights area is attached to the application as Exhibit "A", while a specific description of the territory is included in Paragraph X of the application. The facilities proposed to be sold by Associated generally include poles, crossarms, cable and wire which are more particularly described in the proposed bill of sale attached to the application as Exhibit "B".

It appears from the application that facilities within the Potrero Heights area which are owned jointly by Associated and Pacific are not covered by this application but will be sold through the Joint Pole Committee.

Applicants allege that upon completion of the Whittier Narrows flood control dam, the Potrero Heights area virtually will be separated from the remainder of the Whittier exchange area,

and that the community of interest of the residents of Potrero Heights is primarily with the adjacent Alhambra exchange of Pacific rather than with Whittier. The application shows that within Potrero Heights, as of August 18, 1952, there were 56 subscribers to and 9 applicants for Alhambra foreign exchange service, and 24 subscribers to and 13 applicants for Whittier suburban service. All but one of the Whittier exchange subscribers and applicants have expressed a preference for Alhambra exchange service. Associated states it is willing to continue Whittier service to said one subscriber on a deviation basis if such transfer is made.

Pacific plans to include the Potrero Heights section of the Whittier exchange within the base rate area of its Alhambra exchange. This will enable elimination of foreign exchange charges in the amount of \$1,500 annually to 56 Alhambra foreign exchange service subscribers. It is also planned that Whittier suburban subscribers in the area, with the exception of the one who would retain Whittier service on a deviation basis, would obtain urban grades of Alhambra extended service.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion that a public hearing thereon is not necessary; and that the granting of the application, as herein provided, will not be adverse to the public interest, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., after the effective date hereof, and on or before December 31, 1952, may sell the property described in the proposed bill of sale attached to the application as Exhibit "B" to The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company pursuant to the terms of said proposed bill of sale. If the authority herein granted is exercised, the applicants shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission in writing of the date of completion of the property transfer herein authorized.

2. Upon the acquisition of said telephone property and the furnishing of telephone service by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company to the area known as Potrero Heights, specifically described in Paragraph X of the application, Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., is relieved of its public utility obligation to furnish telephone service in said area and shall cancel its applicable tariff schedules.
3. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, if it acquires the property herein authorized to be transferred, shall include the Potrero Heights territory within the base rate area of the Alhambra exchange and shall furnish service thereto in accordance with the regularly filed tariff schedules applicable to the Alhambra exchange, except that Associated Telephone Company, Ltd., is authorized to continue furnishing Whittier exchange service on a deviation basis to those present Whittier exchange subscribers located in the Potrero Heights area who desire to retain such service.
4. Necessary tariff schedule revisions, in accordance with General Order No. 96, shall be made after the effective date of this order and on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
5. The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the property herein authorized to be transferred.

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

Dated at San Francisco California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1952.

[Signature]  
President.

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Commissioners.