

ORIGINALDecision No. 49017

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CELIA BERG,

Complainant,

-vs-

THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND
TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a
corporation,

Defendant.

Case No. 5487

ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY INTERIM RELIEF

CELIA BERG, having filed a verified complaint alleging in substance that her telephone facilities at 1226 N Street, Fresno, California, under the name of May Hotel, and under the number of 4-0274, were disconnected on or about July 17, 1953, by a member of the police department, who claimed that the complainant had been using said telephone facilities for illegal purposes, namely, solicitation for prostitution; that said telephone facilities are now and have been since July 17, 1953, disconnected; that said communication facilities were not used and at no time have been used for illegal purposes, specifically, solicitation for prostitution, that complainant did not use and does not now intend to use said telephone facilities as an instrumentality to violate the law nor in aiding or abetting such violation, but are in fact necessary for complainant to make calls to doctors and other legitimate businesses; that complainant has made demand upon defendant to have said telephone facilities restored but defendant has refused and does now refuse so to do; that complainant has suffered and will suffer irreparable

injury to her reputation and great hardship as a result of being deprived of said telephone facilities; therefore, IT IS ORDERED that the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is hereby directed to restore telephone service to complainant pending a hearing on said complaint and further Commission order thereon. The complaint, assigned to Commissioner Huls, is set for hearing before Commissioner Huls or such Examiner, and at such time and place, as may hereafter be designated.

The Secretary is directed to cause a certified copy of this order, together with a copy of the complaint herein, to be served forthwith upon The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, and said defendant is directed to serve and file its answer to said complaint within ten (10) days after such service. The Secretary is directed further to cause a copy of this order to be mailed to complainant forthwith.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of August, 1953.

R. J. [Signature]
President
Justus F. Crocker
[Signature]

Commissioners