

Decision No. 52910

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Mrs. Henry Kreth, an individual doing)	
business as KRETH TELEPHONE LINE, for)	Application No. 37831
authority to discontinue the furnishing)	
of telephone service in Amador County,)	
California)	
)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By the above-entitled application filed on March 14, 1956, Mrs. Henry Kreth, doing business as Kreth Telephone Line, seeks authority to cease operation as a public utility, to abandon her property devoted to public utility service and to cancel and withdraw all of her filed tariffs coincident with The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's having established facilities to provide service to her existing subscribers.

The application shows that for 32 years applicant has operated a telephone line designated as the Ione 47F line; that said line consists of a grounded iron wire attached to poles and trees over a distance of approximately 10 air-line miles; that the line serves certain territory located in Amador County between Ione and the Mokelumne River, all included within the suburban area of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's Ione exchange; that prior to January, 1956 the line served two business and 17 residence stations, with all switching performed by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company at its Ione central office; that because of storm conditions, applicant's line has been inoperative since January, 1956, and 14 of applicant's subscribers are presently being provided Ione suburban service by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Applicant asserts that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company plans to convert the Ione exchange to dial operation in 1957; that she does not have and finds it impracticable to obtain funds required to rehabilitate her telephone facilities to function under dial operation; and that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is willing to furnish Ione exchange service to any and all of her subscribers.

It appears from the application that 15 of applicant's 19 subscribers have signed service application cards for Pacific Company service; and that of the four subscribers who have not signed application cards for Pacific Company service one plans to move away, one has not yet decided upon his service requirements, one does not desire to incur the expense of Pacific Company service and one will no longer require service.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion that a public hearing thereon is not necessary; that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is willing and able to meet the present and future demands for telephone service along the route presently served by applicant; and that a granting of the application as herein provided will not be adverse to the public interest; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Coincident with or following The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's having established facilities to provide telephone service to applicant's subscribers, applicant is authorized to cease operation as a public utility, to withdraw her property from public utility service, and to cancel and withdraw all filed tariffs.

2. On or before the date of actual discontinuance of service, applicant shall refund all deposits which customers are entitled to have refunded.
3. If the authority herein granted is exercised, the applicant shall, within fifteen days thereafter, notify this Commission in writing, of the date of such completion of actual discontinuance of service and of her compliance with the conditions hereof.
4. The authorization herein granted will expire if not exercised within one year from the date hereof.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of April, 1956.

John E. Mitchell
President
Justice J. G. ...
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