

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 56106

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 ROSEVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, a )  
 California corporation, for authority )  
 to increase certain nonrecurring ) Application No. 39613  
 charges for telephone service in the )  
 Roseville exchange. )

OPINION AND ORDER

By the above-entitled application, filed December 6, 1957, Roseville Telephone Company seeks authority under Sections 454 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code to increase certain nonrecurring service connection charges, move and change charges, and installation charges applicable to private branch exchange, supplemental equipment and local leased line and private line service, as set forth in Exhibit C attached to the application. A summary of typical increases in nonrecurring charges proposed by applicant follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Charge</u>		
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Company- Proposed</u>	<u>Increase</u>
<b>Service Connection Charges:</b>			
Business primary station or trunk.....	\$ 6.00	\$10.00	\$ 4.00
Residence primary station or trunk.....	5.00	7.00	2.00
Extension or PBX station.....	3.00	4.00	1.00
Primary station - instrument in place...	3.00	4.00	1.00
<b>Move and Change Charges:</b>			
Change in location or type of instrument	3.00	4.00	1.00
<b>Installation Charges:</b>			
Extension bell.....	2.00	4.00	2.00
Extension gong.....	3.00	4.00	1.00
Each booth.....	10.00	15.00	5.00
<b>Cordless Switchboard:</b>			
2 trunks 6 station lines.....	15.00	30.00	15.00
5 trunks 12-20 station lines.....	20.00	80.00	60.00

Applicant proposes that the present charges be applied to all applications received prior to the effective date of the increase in charges.

The application shows that, had applicant's proposed increases in charges been in effect for the entire year 1957, its gross revenues would have been increased by approximately \$2,400. Of the estimated \$2,400 total revenue increase, \$1,900 is applicable to service connections, \$300 to moves and changes, and \$200 to installations of supplemental and miscellaneous equipment.

In support of the proposed increases, applicant asserts that the present charges generally have been in effect since 1953, since which time applicant's wages and material costs have increased substantially. Applicant also asserts that the charges it proposes are no higher than those currently effective in exchanges adjacent to its Roseville exchange.

Applicant claims that its rate of return for the year 1957 will approximate 4.76 per cent at present rates, when related to an average depreciated rate base of \$1,603,600, and would increase to only 4.83 per cent if the proposed charges sought in this application had been in effect the entire year.<sup>1/</sup>

The proposed increases in charges sought in this application will not apply to existing services but will apply to new applications for service and for moves and changes of equipment.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion that a public hearing thereon is not necessary and that the

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<sup>1/</sup> Exhibit B attached to the application.

application should be granted as herein provided. Finding that the increases in rates and charges authorized herein are justified and that present rates and charges in so far as they differ from those herein prescribed, for the future are unjust and unreasonable; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Roseville Telephone Company is authorized to file in quadruplicate with this Commission after the effective date of this order, in conformity with General Order No. 96, schedules of rates and charges, revised to incorporate the proposed charges set forth in Exhibit C attached to the application and indicating that present charges apply to applications received before February 10, 1958 and, after not less than five days' notice to this Commission and to the public, to make said revised charges effective for applications for service received on and after February 10, 1958.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of January, 1958.

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President  
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Commissioners