

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 57748

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH )  
 COMPANY, a corporation, and SOUTHERN )  
 CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, a corpora- ) Application No. 40599  
 tion, for authority for THE PACIFIC )  
 TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY to )  
 sell certain telephone plant to )  
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY. )

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, hereinafter referred to as Pacific, and Southern California Edison Company, hereinafter referred to as Edison, by the above-entitled application, filed on November 17, 1958, request that the Commission pursuant to Section 851 of the Public Utilities Code issue an order authorizing Pacific to sell its interest in 373 poles and 144 anchors at Edwards Air Force Base, Kern County, to Edison.

It appears from the application that the Air Force is taking over administration of the Wherry Housing Project at Edwards Air Force Base, that occupancy in the housing project will be limited entirely to military personnel, that Air Force regulations require the government to own all supporting structures and power distributing plant under such circumstances, that the government does not wish to make multiple purchases in acquiring this plant, that Pacific proposes to dispose of its interest in this plant to Edison who in turn will sell the entire distributing system located on said Wherry Housing Project to the government, and that Pacific will continue to occupy space on the poles and furnish telephone service as required.

Pacific states that it made an inventory as of April 1, 1958 of its interest in the aforementioned 373 poles and 144 anchors, that it estimates the original cost of its interest in said plant is

\$14,445.00 and that it has agreed to sell its interest in said plant to Edison for \$16,017.60 in accordance with the terms of the Purchase and Sales Agreement, dated August 4, 1958, attached to the application as Exhibit A.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion and so finds that the proposed sale will not be adverse to the public interest and should be authorized by an ex parte order. However, the action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the property herein authorized to be transferred.

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, on and after the effective date hereof and on or before June 30, 1959, may sell and transfer to Southern California Edison Company the plant referred to in this application in accordance with the terms of the Purchase and Sales Agreement attached to the application as Exhibit A.

2. Within thirty days after the transfer of the plant under the authorization herein granted, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company shall notify the Commission of the completion of the transaction.

3. The authority herein granted will expire unless exercised on or before June 30, 1959.

4. The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of December, 1958.

C. Lynn Fox  
President  
Donald L. ...  
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Commissioners