

# ORIGINAL

Decision No. 59720

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Adelaida Rural Telephone Company, a )  
California corporation, for authority )  
to discontinue the furnishing of )  
telephone service in San Luis Obispo )  
County, California. )

Application No. 41817

### OPINION AND ORDER

By the above-entitled application filed January 4, 1960, Adelaida Rural Telephone Company seeks authority to cease operations as a public utility, to remove its property devoted to public utility service and to cancel and withdraw all of its filed tariffs coincident with the conversion to dial operation of the Paso Robles Exchange of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The application shows that a certified copy of the applicant's articles of incorporation was filed with the Commission as part of Application No. 6021 on or about September 15, 1920, that applicant operates as a farmer line with switching service furnished by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's facilities at Paso Robles; that as of September 30, 1959, applicant served 43 customers and that its facilities, consisting of pole lines, serial wire and telephone instruments, had an original cost of \$2,749 as of December 31, 1958.

Applicant asserts that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company plans to convert the Paso Robles exchange to dial service on or before November 1, 1960, that applicant presently does not have and cannot obtain the funds required to rehabilitate its telephone

lines to function satisfactorily under dial operation and therefore will not be able to serve its subscribers following the conversion to dial operation of the Paso Robles exchange and that The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is willing to furnish Paso Robles exchange service to any and all of applicant's subscribers and will be in a position to provide the necessary facilities to serve such subscribers coincident with the conversion of the Paso Robles exchange to dial operation.

It appears from the application that 42 of the applicant's 43 subscribers have signed service application cards for Pacific Company service and that all except two subscribers have requested either suburban flat rate residence or business service. Of the two remaining, one subscriber has requested one-party flat rate residence service and the other subscriber two-party flat rate residence 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 and following The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's establishment of dial service at Paso Robles and the provision of service to applicant's subscribers by Pacific, applicant is authorized to cease operation as a public utility, to withdraw its property from public utility service and to cancel 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 its 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 29<sup>th</sup>  
day of FEBRUARY, 1960.

[Signature] President  
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[Signature] Commissioners