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Decision No. 67673

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
WESTERN CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE COMPANY,
a California Corporation, for
authority to issue an unsecured
promissory note.

Application No. 46872
Filed August 6, 1964

O P I N I O N

This is an application for an order of the Commission authorizing Western California Telephone Company to issue an unsecured promissory note in the principal amount of \$1,250,000.

Applicant is a California corporation operating telephone systems in portions of the Counties of Marin, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou and Sonoma. Its reported number of telephones in service at the end of 1963 is 26,223.

The company reports that it has outstanding five short-term notes aggregating \$1,250,000, the proceeds of which it expended for capital purposes, and to reimburse its treasury for funds previously expended for capital purposes. For the purpose of retiring and refunding said notes, applicant proposes to issue a \$1,250,000 note in favor of Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, which note will mature on May 31, 1965, and will bear interest at the prevailing prime rate for commercial notes.

The Commission has considered this matter and finds that: (1) the proposed note issue is for a proper purpose; (2) the money, property or labor to be procured or paid for by the issue of the note herein authorized is reasonably required for the purpose specified herein; and (3) such purpose is not, in whole or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income. A public hearing is not necessary.

On the basis of the foregoing findings we conclude that the application should be granted. The authorization granted herein is not to be construed as indicative of amounts to be included in proceedings for the purpose of determining just and reasonable rates.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western California Telephone Company, on or after the effective date hereof and on or before October 31, 1964, for the purpose set forth in this proceeding, may issue and deliver a promissory note in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,250,000, which note shall be in the same form, or in substantially the same form, as that attached to the application as Exhibit B, and shall bear interest at the prevailing prime rate for commercial notes.

2. Within thirty days after issuing the note herein authorized, Western California Telephone Company shall file with the Commission a copy thereof as actually issued.

3. This order shall become effective when Western California Telephone Company has paid the fee prescribed by Section 1904(b) of the Public Utilities Code, which fee is \$1,125.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of August, 1964.

Fredrick B. Holdhoff
President

John C. [unclear]

Ernest A. [unclear]

George H. Hoover

Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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By [Signature]