

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 71686

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 unsecured promissory )  
notes. )

Application No. 48961  
Filed November 21, 1966

O P I N I O N

Western California Telephone Company requests authority from the Commission to issue new notes in renewal or successive renewals of short-term notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,650,000.

Applicant advises that it has issued a \$4,000,000 note in favor of California Water & Telephone Company and three short-term notes totaling \$650,000 in favor of General Telephone & Electronics Corporation, all bearing interest at the prime commercial rate. It appears that said \$4,000,000 note was issued pursuant to authority previously granted by this Commission. According to the application, the indebtedness represented by said notes was incurred originally for construction, completion and improvement of applicant's facilities or for reimbursement of applicant's treasury.

For the purpose of retiring and refunding said notes, applicant proposes to issue new notes in renewal or successive renewals thereof. The application indicates that the proposed notes will mature on or before December 31, 1967 and will bear interest at the prevailing prime commercial rate.

The Commission has considered this matter and finds that: (1) the proposed notes are for a proper purpose; (2) the money, property or labor to be procured or paid for by the issue of the notes 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. On the basis of these findings we conclude that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

The authorization herein granted is for the purpose of this proceeding only and is not to be construed as indicative of amounts to be included in proceedings for the determination of just and reasonable rates.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western California Telephone Company, for the purpose set forth in the application, may issue and deliver new notes aggregating \$4,650,000, and notes in renewal or successive

renewals thereof. The notes shall bear interest at the prevailing prime commercial rate, shall mature not later than December 31, 1967, and shall be in the same form, or in substantially the same form, as that attached to the application as Exhibit B.

2. Western California Telephone Company shall file with the Commission a report, or reports, as required by General Order No. 24-B, which order, insofar as applicable, is hereby made a part of this order.

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 \$650.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, 1966.

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President

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Commissioners

