

Decision No. 74316

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
the General Telephone Company of
California for an order authorizing
it to sell certain personal property
located at Vandenberg Air Force Base
to the United States of America.

Application No. 50300
(Filed June 11, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

The General Telephone Company of California, a corporation, seeks authorization under Section 851 of the Public Utilities Code to sell certain telephone equipment, which is providing telephone service at the Point Arguello Navy Base now a part of Vandenberg Air Force Base, to the United States of America in accordance with the terms of the contract of sale, dated May 31, 1968, a copy of which is attached to the application as Exhibit B.

The agreed consideration is \$35,458.90 cash. The price was computed by Applicant by adding installation costs to cost to Applicant from the manufacturer and subtracting an average three-year depreciation. Applicant desires to sell said property for said sum.

The application states that the Applicant installed from time to time certain telephone equipment to provide telephone service at the Point Arguello Navy Base. The Air Force after its acquisition of Point Arguello Navy Base, adopted a policy whereby all telephone service of the nature provided by Applicant to Point Arguello Navy Base would be provided by the Air Force in the same manner that telephone service has previously been provided to the remainder of

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Vandenberg Air Force Base, and that all telephone equipment would be owned and maintained by the Air Force. A previous request was made by the Air Force on or about April 21, 1967 that Applicant sell a portion of said telephone equipment to the Air Force. Applicant made Application No. 49360 for such sale to this Commission on May 9, 1967 and Decision No. 72563, dated June 6, 1967 authorized such sale. The Air Force has requested that Applicant sell it another portion of such telephone equipment, described in Exhibit B attached to the application. Applicant states that the Air Force's funds applicable to such sale will be withdrawn on July 1, 1968 if not expended prior to that time; therefore, it is imperative to consummate the transaction by June 30, 1968. Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission's permission if granted, be received by Applicant on or prior to June 28, 1968.

The Contract of Sale provides that it shall not become effective until the Commission, by its order, authorizes General to carry out its terms and conditions.

The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the property herein authorized to be sold.

The Commission finds that the proposed sale will not be adverse to the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. General Telephone Company of California is authorized to sell and convey to the United States of America the property described in the contract of sale dated May 31, 1968 attached to the

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application as Exhibit B and to consummate said transaction in accordance with the terms of said contract.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of JUNE, 1968.

Peter E. Nathan
President

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Commissioners