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Decision No. 74525

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for authority
to sell certain toll station facilities
located in the Eel River Canyon area
to GOLDEN WEST TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Application No. 50362
(Filed June 28, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific), a corporation, seeks authorization under Section 851 of the Public Utilities Code to sell certain toll line facilities providing telephone service to certain toll stations within Zenia Toll Station Service Area to Golden West Telephone Company (Golden West) in accordance with the terms of the purchase and sales agreement, dated May 28, 1968, a copy of which is attached to the application as Exhibit A.

The agreed consideration is \$18,850 plus applicable taxes. Applicant made an inventory and appraisal of the property for sale and determined that the structural value of said property is \$22,300. The estimated original book cost of the facilities is \$24,610; the estimated depreciation reserve is \$2,601; and the estimated net book cost is \$22,009. Land or buildings are not involved in this sale and station equipment belongs to Golden West.

The application states that the applicant had furnished toll station service to Lone Pine toll stations Numbers 1, 2 and 3, Island Mountain toll stations Numbers 1 and 2, and Kekawka toll station Number 1 in the Eel River Canyon area. These toll stations were in unassigned territory contiguous to the Zenia Toll Service Station of Golden West and to Alderpoint and Garberville Exchanges of Golden West.

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During the winter storms of 1964-1965 applicant lost the major portion of its plant serving said toll stations. However, service was restored but suffered several temporary outages due to weather conditions. Subsequently, Golden West and Pacific made agreements whereby Golden West will provide service to said toll stations. The change to Zenia toll station service was completed in November, 1965 and the Commission was duly notified.

The purchase and sales agreement provides that it shall not become effective until Commission, by its order, authorizes Pacific 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. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is authorized to sell to Golden West Telephone Company the property described in the purchase and sales agreement dated May 28, 1968, attached to the application as Exhibit A, and to consummate said transaction in accordance with the terms of said agreement.

2. If the authority herein granted is exercised,
The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company shall,
within thirty days thereafter, notify the Commission
in writing of the completion of the aforeauthorized
transaction.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after
the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this
13th day of AUGUST 1968.

William S. Brown, Jr.
President
Robert E. Kistler
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Commissioners

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

Commissioner Fred P. Morrissey, being
necessarily absent, did not participate
in the disposition of this proceeding.