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Decision No. 75144

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, a California corporation, for authority to issue unsecured promissory notes.

Application No. 50742 Filed December 11, 1968

OPINION

This is an application for an order of the Commission authorizing General Telephone Company of California to issue and deliver promissory short-term notes and notes in the form of Commercial Paper, and notes in renewal thereof, in an aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$20,000,000 at any one time outstanding.

The application shows that the company has issued and delivered certain unsecured notes, and notes in renewal thereof, to General Telephone & Electronics Corporation, to commercial banks, and to dealers in Commercial Paper, the aggregate outstanding balance being \$20,000,000. Applicant reports that the proceeds have been used for the construction, completion, extension and/or improvement of its facilities, or were used to reimburse the company's treasury for funds expended for such capital purposes.

For the purpose of retiring and refunding said outstanding notes and notes in renewal thereof, applicant proposes to issue and deliver promissory short-term notes and/or notes in the form of Commercial Paper maturing at various dates not

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exceeding ninety days from the dates of issuance, and bearing interest at the prevailing prime rate or at the prevailing market rate for Commercial Paper notes.

After consideration the Commission 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. A public hearing is not necessary.

On the basis of the foregoing findings we conclude that the application should be granted. The action taken herein shall not be construed as indicative of amounts to be included in proceedings for the determination of just and reasonable rates.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. General Telephone Company of California, on or after the effective date hereof and on or before December 10, 1969, for the purpose set forth in this proceeding, may issue and deliver promissory short-term notes and/or notes in the form of Commercial Paper, and notes in renewal thereof, in an aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$20,000,000 at any one time outstanding, with interest at the prevailing prime rate or at the prevailing market rate for Commercial Paper.

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2. General Telephone Company of California 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 General Telephone Company of California has paid the fee prescribed by Section 1904(b) of the Public Utilities Code, which fee is \$8,000.

Dated at <u>San Francisco</u>, California, this 20^{TC} day of <u>DECEMBER</u>, 1968.

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

Commissioner A. W. Gatov, being necessarily absent. did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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