

Decision No. 78091

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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.)
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Application No. 52314
Filed November 23, 1970

O P I N I O N

Western California Telephone Company, a California corporation operating telephone systems in portions of the Counties of Marin, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou and Sonoma, requests an order of the Commission authorizing it to issue and deliver until December 31, 1971, not exceeding \$12,375,000 aggregate principal amount of notes at any one time outstanding.

The application shows that the corporation has outstanding unsecured promissory notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$12,375,000 of which the Commission had authorized \$9,750,000. Applicant reports that it issued the remaining \$2,625,000 of notes within the past 12 months, and expended the proceeds for capital purposes or to reimburse its treasury for funds expended for such purposes. The company seeks authority to issue renewal notes evidencing the \$12,375,000 indebtedness, which notes would bear interest at the prevailing prime rate and would mature at various dates not exceeding 90 days from each date of issuance.

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.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western California Telephone Company, on or before December 31, 1971, for the purpose set forth in this proceeding, may issue and deliver promissory short-term notes, and renewals thereof, in an aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$12,375,000, with interest at the prevailing prime rate. The notes shall be in the same form, or in substantially the same form, as Exhibit B attached to the application.

2. Within thirty days after issuing any of the notes herein authorized, Western California Telephone Company shall file with the Commission a copy thereof as actually issued, which filing shall be in lieu of a report under General Order No. 24-B.

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 \$3,625.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of DECEMBER, 1970.

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Chairman
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William Seymour
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Commissioners

