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Decision No. 84832

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of MARIPOSA COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. for an order authorizing it (a) to issue a \$3,950,000 note, and (b) to execute and deliver a Supplemental Mortgage and Security Agreement.

Application No. 55354 (Filed August 7, 1975)

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

Mariposa County Telephone Company, Inc. seeks authority (a) to enter into a Telephone Loan Contract Amendment, (b) to issue a Rural Electrification Administration note in the principal amount of \$3,950,000, and (c) to execute and deliver a Supplement to Supplemental Mortgage and Security Agreement.

Applicant is a California corporation engaged in the business of providing telephone service primarily in a portion of Mariposa County. For the year 1974, its reported total operating revenues and net income amounted to \$454,814 and \$31,807, respectively.

The utility proposes to issue its 5%, 35-year, Mortgage Note in the principal amount of \$3,950,000, and to use the proceeds for estimated expenditures set forth in Exhibit B, attached to the application, as follows:

Extend service to 511 new subscribers	\$ 133,800
Purchase land near Bootjack for construction of a new central office building and	
equipment	12,000
Complete the job of upgrading the exchange	3,357,200
Construct new cable carrier toll trunking facilities to the exchange boundary Reimburse \$30,000 of general funds used	55,000
for work order construction	30,000
Engineering fees	347,000
Total	\$3,950,000

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After consideration the Commission finds that:

- 1. The proposed documents would not be adverse to the public interest.
- 2. The proposed Mortgage Note would be for proper purposes.
- 3. The money, property or labor to be procured or paid for by the issue of the Mortgage Note herein authorized is reasonably required for the purposes specified herein, which purposes are not, in whole or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income.

On the basis of the foregoing 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 (a) amounts to be included in proceedings for the determination of just and reasonable rates, or (b) concurrence in the reasonableness of proposed serving arrangements or tariff modifications.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Mariposa County Telephone Company, Inc. may execute and deliver a Supplement to Supplemental Mortgage and Security Agreement and may enter into a Telephone Loan Contract Amendment, which documents shall be in substantially the same forms as those attached to the application as Exhibits D and E, respectively.

2. Mariposa County Telephone Company, Inc., in order to obtain funds for the purposes specified in this proceeding, may issue its Mortgage Note in the principal amount of not exceeding \$3,950,000, which document shall be in substantially the same form as Exhibit C attached to the application.

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3. Mariposa County Telephone Company, Inc. 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.

4. This order shall become effective when Mariposa County Telephone Company, Inc. has paid the fee prescribed by Section 1904(b) of the Public Utilities Code, which fee is \$4,950.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>dk</u> day of <u>AUGUST</u>, 1975.

Commissioners



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