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Decision No. 92981 MAY 5 1981

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE )  
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a corporation, )  
hereinafter called "Seller", for )  
authority to sell certain outside )  
plant facilities, buildings and land, )  
located wholly within the Ferndale )  
and Petrolia Exchanges of CITIZENS )  
UTILITIES COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, a )  
corporation, hereinafter called )  
"purchaser". )

Application No. 60265  
(Filed February 17, 1981)

O P I N I O N

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific) requests authorization to sell certain outside plant facilities, buildings, and land to Citizens Utilities Company of California (Citizens) as shown in the agreement in Exhibit C to the application.

The facilities Pacific proposes to sell consist of poles, aerial and buried cables, terminals, load coils, markers, and repeater buildings in Citizens' Ferndale and Petrolia Exchanges. The plant proposed for sale is itemized in the Bill of Sale attached to the application as Exhibit D.

This sale will provide Citizens with additional toll facilities required for it to provide direct distance dialing service to its subscribers in the Petrolia Exchange. Also, this sale will permit the present Pacific toll stations within Citizens' Ferndale Exchange at Bunker Hill to be converted to Citizens exchange stations.

Plant maintenance will be made more efficient by this sale as all of the plant is in Citizens' operating territory and Pacific must currently dispatch maintenance personnel from Eureka.

Pacific has determined that the estimated value of the facilities to Citizens is \$66,625.00. Citizens has agreed to pay and Pacific has agreed to accept \$66,625.00 for the facilities. Personal property taxes will be prorated as of the date of sale. The book cost is \$90,761.79. The depreciation reserve is \$32,183.73, with a net book cost of \$58,578.06.

Notice of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on February 23, 1981.

The Commission finds that the proposed sale will be in the public interest, and that a public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

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

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pacific) is authorized to sell and convey to Citizens Utilities Company of California (Citizens) the telephone facilities described in the Bill of Sale attached to the application as Exhibit D, and to complete such transaction in accordance with the terms of the Purchase and Sales Agreement attached to the application as Exhibit C.

2. Pacific shall, upon completion of this sale, transfer to Citizens its pertinent records, memoranda, and documents pertaining to the property sold.

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3. Pacific and Citizens shall account for the sale of the telephone facilities in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform System of Accounts for Class A and Class B Telephone Companies, and, within sixty days after the completion of the transfer, each shall file a copy of each journal entry used to record the sale or purchase on its books.

4. If this authorization is exercised, Citizens shall, within thirty days thereafter, notify this Commission in writing of the date of such completion of the property transfer, and shall file a true copy of the bill of sale or other instrument of transfer.


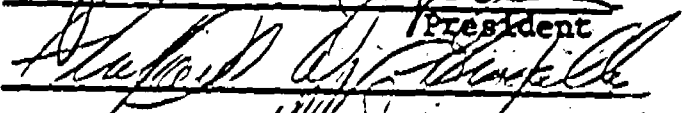

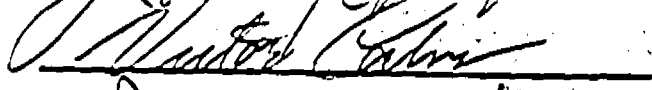
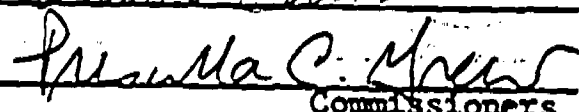
5. The authority granted herein shall expire one year after the effective date of this order. In the event that the transfer of the property is not completed, Pacific shall notify this Commission in writing.

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6. Upon transfer of the property, Pacific is relieved of any further public utility responsibilities in connection with the transferred property.

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

Dated MAY 5 1981, at San Francisco, California.

  
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