

Order Telephone Rates Raised 25 Cts. a Month

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short of requirements to allow a return of 7 per cent on the \$8,400,637 investment.
The schedule of the new monthly exchange rates of Indianapolis, including Beach Grove, Beech Grove, Broad Ripple and Southport, is as follows:
CLASS OF SERVICE.
Business—Unlimited—
Individual line \$ 7.00
Two-party line 6.00
Joint user 1.50
Extension station 1.25
Business—Measured—
1,200 messages per annum—Indi- 4.50
400 messages per day—Indi- 3.50
Additional messages, each 0.03
Joint user 1.50
Extension station 0.90
Business—Residence—Unlimited—
Individual line 3.25
Two-party line 2.25
Joint user 0.75
Business—Coin—Collector—
Messages, each 0.05
Guaranteed rates per day—Individual 1.15
Commission on local message re- 40%
ceipts in excess of guarantee— 40%
Rural—Unlimited—
Business 2.75
Residence 2.00
Private Branch Exchange—Business Un- 1.50
Unlimited—Cord Switchboard—
Minimum equipment (switchboard not exceeding 30 jacks, operator's set, 2 trunks and 15 stations) 26.00
Additional trunks, each 10.00
Additional jacks, per strip of 10 1.50
Cordless Switchboard—
Minimum equipment (board, operator's set, 1 trunk and 2 stations) 13.50
Additional trunks, each 10.00
Additional jacks, per strip of 10 1.50
Estimated Annual Requirements.
Operating expenses, 1918 (ex- 1,283,457.33
cluding depreciation 91,615.97
Taxes, 1918 11,638.73
Uncollectible operating revenue 273,990.50
Net of telephone offices, 1918 243,985.79
Rent of C. P. and other sup- 2,854.64
ports, 1918 69,567.72
Total \$1,414,933.46
Increase in wages over 1918 322,000.00
Depreciation—5% on \$5,445,610 272,180.50
Return—7% on \$6,400,637 448,675.50
Licenses—revenue—Dr. 64,539
sets @ \$1.05 65,727.00
Total proposed revenues \$2,427,870.55
Total requirements \$2,387,297.07
Estimated Annual Requirements.
Subscribers' station revenues \$2,048,237.00
Service connection charges 56,413.25
Other exchange service revenue 64,591.50
Toll revenues 273,990.50
Miscellaneous operating re- 27,040.50
nues 2,636.50
Nonoperating revenues 0.00
Total \$2,387,297.07
Rates provided practice rates.
*Minimum equipment (1 trunk and 4 stations) 18.50
Maximum equipment, 20 trucks and stations combined 12.00
Additional jacks, per strip of 10 1.50
Messages, each (including necessary trunks) 0.05
Commission on local message re- 40%
Coin collectors 40%
Intercommunicating System—Business Un- 1.50
Minimum equipment (switchboard not exceeding 30 jacks, operator's set and 15 stations) 12.00
Additional jacks, per strip of 10 1.50
Messages, each (including necessary trunks) 0.05
Commission on local message re- 40%
Additional units of cable, 30 foot or fraction thereof 2.50

other than labor in the year 1919 or future increases in costs other than labor.

"The petitioner's engineers testified," the order says, "that in appraising the physical property they took the highest and lowest material prices which prevailed from July 1, 1914, to July 1, 1919, and used the average of these high and low prices as a basis for their appraisals. Labor prices entering into construction were based on labor prices of July 1, 1919."

The prices on materials used do not represent the normal average price from 1914 to 1919, for the reason that only points in the market which were selected were considered. Various checks disclose that material prices used by the petitioner were greatly in excess of the normal average price for the period.

SHOWS INCREASE IN SALARIES.

The total toll revenue of the Indianapolis exchange for 1918 was \$231,070.12. Of that sum, \$113,502.73 was received from the exchanges and toll operators to the amount of \$67,436. The total increase in wages for toll and local departments of the Indianapolis exchange in 1919 over 1918 was \$368,000.

The commission has allowed an annual depreciation rate of 5 per cent on all depreciable property of the company. Value of the company's depreciable property in Indianapolis is set by the commission at \$4,436,610.

The commission held that the basis for payment for rentals of receivers, transmitters and induction coils owned by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and for other services rendered by the company to the public was \$4,436,610.

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The rates herein prescribed are temporary pending unification.

The commission proposed that the entire question of the 4½ per cent allowance be submitted to joint study by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the National Association of Utility and Utilities Commissioners, acting for the various commissions of the company in order that the question may find uniform solution throughout the country.

Commissioner VanAuken concurred in the order, but in not findings as to value, depreciation or the 4½ per cent license fee, the commission concurred in the order.

The girl question had an important place in the deliberations of the commission on the telephone problem.

It is connection the order said:

"The present rate situation arises largely from the suddenly changed industrial status of our country and the money value placed on her labor.

The evidence reveals that before the war telephone companies experienced little difficulty in obtaining competent girls and young women as operators. The war suddenly opened new and wider fields of labor. Girls and young women were called from the homes, the switchboard, and clerical and other positions to skilled work, accounting, professional employment and other fields formerly monopolized by men. The unprecedented activities of commerce and industry caused business and manufacturing concerns to bid for such labor in the open market, not only with high wages but with improved working conditions, including employment supervisors to look after the interests of employees, rest rooms and other favorable conditions. In

Woman, Whose Car Hit Boy, Not Guilty of Manslaughter

Mrs. Bertie Lane, 725 North Delaware street, was found not guilty of manslaughter by a jury in the criminal court late yesterday.

Judge James Collins instructed the jury to find Miss Lane not guilty. Miss Lane was charged with manslaughter after fatally injuring Frank Deal, 7, a school boy, at East Twenty-sixth street, with her automobile on March 27, 1918.

Some industries work clothes are furnished and kept in good condition. The telephone operators of yesterday is found in the exchanges and toll operators to the amount of \$67,436. The evidence reveals that telephone companies had to, and did, meet this competition to the best of their limited ability."

The high bidding for labor, left their old positions by the hundreds, and sought employment in the lucrative fields. The evidence reveals that telephone companies had to, and did, meet this competition to the best of their limited ability."

The evidence shows that a few years ago the average girl operator took employment for "pin money." While this was not the case with all operators, it was so general that in that state by placing the peace treaty and the league of nations before the voters.

The outcome of the North Dakota primary, which takes place March 16—the second of the presidential primaries, New Hampshire being the first—will be watched closely by the political sharps of both parties.

Johnson, who is due at Chicago today, is scheduled to speak tomorrow, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in campaigning up and down North Dakota. He is then to invade South Dakota. He may visit Minnesota.

In the meantime, the treaty situation will drag along in the senate. Senator Lodge, republican leader, does not plan to revive the question of reservations again until Thursday, when he may force action on the second reservation, involving Article X.

Illness, Due to War With Spain, Kills Man

LOGANSFORT, Ind., Feb. 24.—H. Leroy Smith, 41, a veteran of Company M, 160th regiment, Indiana volunteer infan-

try, Spanish-American war, is dead here of illness said to have resulted from an illness suffered while serving as a soldier. For several months Smith has been employed as a night telephone operator at the Northern Indiana Hospital for the Insane. He is survived by two brothers and three sisters.

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