

RATE HIKE IN PHONE SERVICE SOUGHT HERE

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Central Union Telephone Company, prior to April 1, 1920, and in accordance with its schedule such service has been furnished by the petitioner since April 1, 1920.

"That since March 2, 1920, there has been in effect a schedule of rates for service supplied by the Indianapolis Telephone Company, and in conformity with which schedule 'automatic' telephone service has been furnished by the petitioner since April 1, 1920.

NO REVENUE FOR FAIR RETURN.

"That during the year from the inception by the petitioner of both of said properties under such schedules of rates has not been sufficient to pay even the expense of service.

"That the Indianapolis exchange of the entire telephone system of the petitioner within the State of Indiana, consisting of ninety-one exchanges and comprising more than 171,000 lines, has been

"That the income of the petitioner during the last year from all sources under the rates now in effect, was much less than the cost of operation, and wholly to the credit of any return

"That by reason of the inadequacy of rates now in effect at the City of Indianapolis and elsewhere the petitioner is unable to realize net earnings sufficient to attract and secure the capital necessary for additions and extensions urgently required, and will be unable to maintain indefinitely that high standard of service which the public demands and which it is desired of the petitioner to support."

That in its order of Feb. 9, 1920, above referred to, the commission said:

"Upon the complete unification of service at Indianapolis, the petitioner will be able to realize net earnings sufficient

to attract and secure the capital necessary for additions and extensions urgently required, and will be unable to maintain indefinitely that high standard of service which the public demands and which it is desired of the petitioner to support."

PROPOSED RATES

FOR SERVICE.

The following table shows proposed rate increases for principal classes of service:

Present rate	Pro- posed rate
Business unlimited—	\$4.50
Individual line.....	7.00
Two-party line.....	12.00
Individual on-line.....	6.00
Residence unlimited—	6.00
Individual.....	2.00
Two-party line.....	2.25
Extension on same premises.....	50
Rural unlimited.....	1.50
Business.....	2.75
Residence.....	1.50
Business.....	2.00
Residence.....	3.00

A direct comparison of other classes of services is not possible because of proposed changes in system.

PRESENT RATES

SET OUT.

Following is a schedule of present rates on various classes of business and other service:

Private Branch Exchange—Business—Unlimited—Manual:

Cord switchboard—

Minimum equipment (switch-board, operator's set, 2 trunks and 2 stations).....

Additional trunks, each.....

Additional jacks, per strip of 10.....

Cordless switchboard—

Minimum equipment (board, operator's set, 1 trunk and 2 stations).....

Maximum equipment, 3 trunks and 3 stations, each.....

Additional trunks, each.....

Additional stations, each.....

Additional jacks, per strip of 10.....

Private Branch Exchange—Business—Unlimited—Automatic:

Cord switchboard—

Minimum equipment (switch-board, operator's set, 30 jacks and 2 stations).....

Additional trunks, each.....

Additional jacks, per strip of 10.....

Cordless switchboard—

Minimum equipment (board, operator's set, 1,850 messages per annum, 1 trunk and 2 stations).....

Additional messages, each.....

Additional trunks, each.....

Additional jacks, per strip of 10.....

Private Branch Exchange—Business—Unlimited—Manual:

Cord switchboard—

Minimum equipment (switch-board, operator's set and 15 stations).....

Additional stations, each.....

Additional jacks, per strip of 10.....

Messages each (including necessary trunks).....

Communication on local message service.....

Call collectors.....

Intercommunications—System Business—Unlimited—Manual:

Minimum equipment (4 trunk and 4 stations).....

Maximum equipment, 20 trunks and 20 stations, each.....

Additional trunks, each.....

Additional stations, each.....

Additional units of cables, 30 feet or fraction thereof.....

Intercommunications—System Business—Unlimited—Automatic:

Minimum equipment (1 trunk and 4 stations).....

Maximum equipment, 20 trunks and 20 stations, each.....

Additional trunks, each.....

Additional stations, each.....

Additional units of cables, 30 feet or fraction thereof.....

Private Branch Exchange—Automatic:

Cord switchboard—

Minimum equipment (switch-board, operator's set and 30 jacks).....

Additional stations, each.....

Additional jacks, per strip of 10.....

Substation telephones within the same building, each.....

Substation telephones outside building (2 cable pairs), per mile, each.....

Substation telephones outside building (1 cable pair), within 1,200 feet, each.....

Trunk lines, each.....

Substation telephones within the same building, but equipped with automatic apparatus connected with private branch exchange, each.....

Private automatic exchange—Unrestricted—Measured:

Switchboard, each.....

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