

CITY OF TROUTDALE

RESOLUTION 89

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE RATE INCREASES BEING REQUESTED BY GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

WHEREAS General Telephone Company of the Northwest, Inc. (General Telephone) has filed revised tariffs with the Public Utility Commissioner of Oregon in proceedings identified as UF-3138, and now pending, and

WHEREAS the City of Troutdale desires to take a position on the matter of such proposed rate increases, but was unable to do so before the local meeting held by the Public Utility Commissioner in Gresham, Oregon, February 25, 1975, and

WHEREAS the franchise of General Telephone to operate in the City of Troutdale will expire during the current year, 1975, and General Telephone has requested a new franchise, but the City of Troutdale has not taken action upon such request, and

WHEREAS it is suitable and appropriate that the City of Troutdale both on behalf of itself as a rate payer and a subscriber to telephone service furnished by General Telephone, and on behalf of its citizens who are likewise ratepayers of General Telephone and subscribers to its service, take a position on the proposed rate increase, and become a party to such proceedings,

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Troutdale, Oregon, as follows:

1. The City of Troutdale, on behalf of itself and its citizens, opposes the rate increase requested by General Telephone in the amount requested, and further opposes in principle the entire request of General Telephone;

2. The telephone service furnished by General Telephone to its ratepayers and subscribers is inadequate, insufficient and of such poor quality that such service is not worth the cost of the present rates paid, which General Telephone is now seeking to increase;


3. The Public Utility Commissioner should not reward inefficiency by granting rate increases and an increase in revenues to General Telephone, for the reason that General Telephone does not show and demonstrate reasonably competitive and reasonably efficient operation of its telephone service;

4. All these matters of inadequate, insufficient, and poor quality telephone service has been shown in the past in hearing after hearing, with objections after objections presented by ratepayers at prior rate hearings on rate increases requested by General Telephone or its predecessor, but despite repeated promises by both General Telephone or its predecessor, to improve such telephone service, such promises have not been carried out, either by General Telephone or its predecessor;


5. In view of General Telephone's operational record, and the widespread and continuing dissatisfaction of ratepayers and subscribers in the City of Troutdale, as well as in other areas where General Telephone operates, the Troutdale City Council urges the Public Utility Commissioner to take steps on the Commissioner's own motion to delete from any territory alloca-

ted to General Telephone under ORS 758.400 through 758.475,  
the entire area within the limits of the City of Troutdale and  
any additional area which the Public Utility Commissioner may  
feel appropriate.

Adopted by the Troutdale City Council this 18th day of  
March, 1975.

  
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Robert M. Sturges - Mayor

Attest:

  
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Betty J. Bergstrom - City Recorder