

January 29, 1923.

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company,
San Diego, California.

Attention of Mr. A.E.Scott.

Dear Sir:

By telephone from your office, we are advised that installation of telephone service at Torrey Pines Lodge will entail construction costing about \$660.00, of which your office is willing to pay \$90.00 if this department will pay \$570.00. We regret that we shall be unable to accept the proposition, but you will no doubt readily realize that we cannot, under the law, devote city funds to the construction of a pole line that would be the property of your company. We are not questioning the fairness of the proposition. As a matter of business, it is doubtless eminently fair.

However, in view of our inability to accept the offer, and in consideration of the fact that the Torrey Pines Lodge is a public institution in a public park, devoted to the entertainment of San Diegans and visitors, and is one of the features that will have an effect upon the future growth and prosperity of the city, we hope that you will be able to find a means by which this very necessary service can be furnished. While the service may not immediately warrant this expenditure, the cause is one in which your company is interested equally with the park commission, and it is even probable that a pay-station would, within the next few years, justify the construction of the line from a commercial standpoint as well as from motives of public spirit.

The cost of constructing the electric pole line was very large, and the San Diego Gas & Electric Company did not feel justified, from a business viewpoint, in making this large expenditure. The company realized, however, the importance of Torrey Pines Lodge as a civic improvement, and our request for service was granted.

We feel sure that, if you will personally visit the lodge and learn more fully our plans for rendering the community a worth while service, your support will be given us in our application to your company. The lessees are to move into the Lodge the latter part of this week and a formal opening will be held in the near future. Telephone service is a necessity, without which we shall be greatly handicapped, and we trust that you will use your utmost endeavors to see that we are taken care of.

With thanks for the consideration you already have given this matter, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

Board of Park Commissioners,