

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

REDUCTION IN RATES.

No. 100.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the RESIDENT ENGINEER, Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Limited, Sydney.

SIR, —

General Post Office, Wellington, 29th August, 1913.

I have the honour to bring to your notice the matter of a proposal for reduction in the present rates charged for the transmission of ordinary radio-telegrams. This Department would be glad if you would consider the question as affecting the transmission of radio-telegrams from ship stations in the intercolonial trade—that is, trading exclusively between Australia and New Zealand—and from ship stations licensed by this Dominion trading between ports on the coast of New Zealand. The ship stations engaged in the Home trade would not be affected; but probably it would be advisable to consider whether the mail-steamers trading between New Zealand and San Francisco, New Zealand and Vancouver, and New Zealand and the South Sea Islands should not be included in any reduction of rates that may be agreed upon.

It is suggested for consideration that the rate for ordinary radio-telegrams to or from the ship stations proposed should be reduced to one-half the present charge—viz., to 5d. per word—and should be allocated thus: ship station, 2d.; shore station, 3d. It is not suggested that the rate for Government radio-telegrams should be also reduced from the present charge of 5d. a word.

I should be glad if you would give the proposal your best consideration, and afford me your views at as early a date as possible.

I have, &c.,

W. R. MORRIS, Secretary.

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No. 101.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin.

SIR,

General Post Office, Wellington, 5th September, 1913.

I have the honour to enclose for your information copy of my letter of the 29th ultimo to the Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Limited, Sydney, proposing that a reduction be made in the charges for the transmission of ordinary radio-telegrams to and from ship stations engaged in the intercolonial and New Zealand coastal trade, &c. The matter was discussed with Mr. Fisk on his recent visit, and it was decided to put the proposals in writing with the view of an agreement being come to.

I should be glad of your views on the matter, and whether your company have any objection to the proposed reductions.

I have, &c.,

W. R. MORRIS, Secretary.

The General Manager, Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited), Dunedin.

No. 102.

The SECRETARY, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited),

SIR, —

Dunedin, 11th September, 1913.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th instant enclosing copy of your letter of the 29th August to the Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Limited, Sydney, proposing a reduction in the charges for the transmission of ordinary radio-telegrams. This question was raised by the writer some months back, but we were asked to let the matter remain in abeyance until the new radio-station in Wellington was opened for business, and as your Department approves of the suggestion we are quite willing to agree to whatever is arranged. I shall be glad to know if you wish us to communicate with Mr. Fisk on the subject, or whether you prefer our waiting till you have his reply.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

C. HUGHES, Secretary.