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SITE NO. 51

NAME San Angelo Telephone Co Bldg
(General Telephone Switching Sta.)
ADDRESS 14 West Twohig

COUNTY Tom Green
CITY San Angelo

UTM 14/363540/3481440

ARCHITECT: Lang & Witchell (Dallas)
BUILDER: P.O'B. Montgomery

BLOCK/LOT W75' of lot 2, W75' of S
half of lot 9
San Angelo Heights Addn

OWNER General Telephone
P.O. Box 1001
San Angelo, TX 76902

DATE: 1927-29
STYLE: Modern Gothic

DESCRIPTION

A two-story flat-roofed commercial building surfaced with smooth-faced coursed stone with a polished granite base and features Modern Gothic detailing. The facade is symmetrical with five masonry openings on the first floor with corresponding openings on the second. Central first floor opening contains a recessed cut-stone Gothic arch topped by bas-relief spandrel under a squared-off hood molding. The double entry doors, ornate grille above, and light fixtures on either side are bronze. First floor windows are large, hooded, multi-light, of vaguely Gothic arched design; on one side they have been fitted with vents for equipment exhaust. Rectangular second-floor windows have decorative bas-relief above and below and are topped by an arched hood. A double cut stone stringer runs across the facade just below 2nd-floor window sills. On the interior, a highly ornate cast plaster ceiling by local craftsman Dwight Holmes remains intact.

Physical condition good Site: original ☒
Alterations: 2 ground floor windows moved___date

SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1927-28 for \$160,000 by the San Angelo Telephone Company, this building was to meet rising demands for commercial and residential telephone service in the rapidly expanding city. John Y. Rust, a Virginian, organized the San Angelo Telephone Company in 1899 and headed it until 1948. His independent system reached to neighboring towns, particularly oil towns, during the 1920s. When sold to General Telephone in 1952, the Rust's company was one of the largest independent telephone companies in the Southwest. It now houses telephone switching equipment. The building has retained its original character despite 2 window alterations and is a good representative of its style.

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Area of Significance Architecture Level of Significance **local**

DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS **Commercial streetfront at alley**

ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION **Less than one acre**

BIBLIOGRAPHY **Historic Inventory of San Angelo, Texas Tech University**
 Texas General Contractors Monthly Bulletin, Jan 1928

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName San Angelo MRA
State Tom Green County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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42. Montgomery Ward Building

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43. Municipal Swimming Pool

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44. Murrah House

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45. Oakes Hotel Building

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46. Princess Ice Cream Co.

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47. San Angelo City Hall

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48. San Angelo Telephone Company Building

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49. Schneemann, William, House

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50. Shepperson House

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: San Angelo Telephone Company Building

MULTIPLE NAME: San Angelo MRA

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Tom Green

DATE RECEIVED: 10/11/88 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/25/88
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/10/88 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/25/88
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88002593

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 11/25/88 DATE

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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___summary paragraph
___completeness
___clarity
___applicable criteria
___justification of areas checked
___relating significance to the resource
___context
___relationship of integrity to significance
___justification of exception
___other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



SA Site No. 51

Roll 10 General Telephone Switching Station

35 14 West Twohig

Photographer: Don Abbe

Date: March 1985

View: north

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000852