

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, )  
a corporation, for an order of the )  
Railroad Commission of the State of )  
California, granting to Applicant a )  
Certificate of Public Convenience and )  
Necessity to exercise the right, )  
privilege and franchise granted to )  
Applicant by Ordinance No. 127 of the )  
Board of Supervisors of the County of )  
Sonoma, State of California. )

Application No. 9345

C. P. Cutton for Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

SEAVEY, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

Pacific Gas and Electric Company applies for an Order of the Railroad Commission certifying that public convenience and necessity require the exercise of a franchise for the transmission and distribution of gas granted by the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company now operates gas plants in San Rafael, Marin County and in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, distributing gas from the latter plant in the cities of Santa Rosa and Petaluma. The growth of the load upon the Santa Rosa plant and the development of the art of manufacturing gas in central plants and its transmission under high pressure, have prompted the Company to undertake the installation of a high pressure pipe line from the San Rafael plant to supply the Santa Rosa and Petaluma systems.

The ultimate result will be the closing out and abandonment of the Santa Rosa plant and the concentration of the manufacture of gas for this territory in a larger and more efficient plant in San Rafael. The construction of the transmission line will also enable the Company to supply gas in a number of small communities through which the line will pass, but which could not by themselves support individual plants or transmission lines.

The franchise referred to in the present application, covers the laying of this transmission line and tributary distribution systems along the public roads of Sonoma County. It contains provisions usually found in such franchises, among them the requirement of a payment to the County of Sonoma of two per cent of the gross receipts arising from operations under the franchise; such payments to commence five years after the date of grant of the franchise.

No other utility is distributing gas in any part of the territory covered by the franchise and the application was uncontested. Pacific Gas and Electric Company has filed with this Commission a satisfactory stipulation that it will never claim a value for the franchise in excess of \$250.00, which was the actual amount paid for the franchise to the County of Sonoma.

I recommend the following form of Order.

O R D E R

Pacific Gas and Electric Company having applied to the Railroad Commission for an Order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by Pacific Gas and Electric Company of the right, privilege and franchise granted it by Franchise No. 127 of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, a public hearing having been held, the matter being submitted and now ready for decision, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company having filed with this

Commission in satisfactory form, a stipulation that it will never claim before this Commission nor any other public body, a value for said franchise in excess of the cost thereof,

The Railroad Commission hereby finds and declares that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by Pacific Gas and Electric Company of the right, privilege and franchise granted by Ordinance No. 127 of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma.

The foregoing Opinion and Order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1923.

C. Seaver  
H. B. ...  
J. ...  
E. ...

Commissioners.