

Decision No. 13319

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of Great Western Power Company of )  
California for an order authorizing )  
an increase in rates, )

Application No. 5585

And consolidated proceedings, )  
(Cases 931, 1204, 1669) )

SEAVEY AND BRUNDIGE, COMMISSIONERS:

OPINION AND ORDER ON PETITIONS FOR

REHEARING OF

SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND TERMINAL RAILWAYS AND

SAN FRANCISCO-SACRAMENTO RAILROAD COMPANY.

On January 3, 1924, the Railroad Commission made its Decision No. 11466 in the above mentioned proceedings, which decision established rates to be charged by Great Western Power Company of California for electric service supplied to various classes of consumers, including among others electric railways.

San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways and San Francisco-Sacramento Railroad Company now petition for rehearing in this matter to the extent that it includes the fixing of a rate to be paid for electric energy consumed by them. It is alleged that the rate for such service fixed in the above mentioned decision is unreasonable because it includes a minimum charge based upon the payment by the consumer for an amount of energy equivalent to a 35 per cent load factor, and because

consideration is not given to a number of special conditions of service. These special conditions are such matters as the use by the power company of the Railway Company's pier for cable landings, the use of the power company of portions of the Railway Company's rights-of-way for the erection of transmission lines, the use by the power company of a portion of the Railway Company's property for sub-station purposes, etc; all without specific charges.

The schedule of rates in question has now been in effect for substantially twelve months. An opportunity has been afforded to observe the effect of its application to the Railway Company's use of energy. After full consideration the Commission is of the opinion that the minimum load factor of 35 per cent specified in the schedule is too high and that modification should be made.

The special services are matters which should be taken care of by the parties independently of the rate for energy. As consumers of the power company, these Railway Companies or the owners of any other railways are entitled to electric service at reasonable and non-discriminatory rates. Such rates must be based upon the service rendered rather than upon any consideration of special services or privileges which will vary in each case. Just compensation for any such special services should be agreed upon between the parties independently of the public utility electric service rendered by one to the other.

Application has been made to the Commission for a number of modifications in the rates established by the above mentioned decision, and in Decision No. 133/6, dated March 25, 1924, a number of modifications in such schedules have been or-

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