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Decision No. 17625.

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 rights,
privileges, and franchise, granted by
Ordinance No. 186 of the Board of
Supervisors of Contra Costa County,
California, etc.

Application No. 13161.

R. W. Du Val, for Pacific Gas and
Electric Company.

WEITSMAN, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

Pacific Gas and Electric Company asks in this applica-
tion for an order of the Railroad Commission certifying that
public convenience and necessity require and will require the
exercising of the rights, privileges and franchise granted by
Ordinance No. 186 of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa
County. It appears that the Pacific Company secured, under
Ordinance No. 134, of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa
County, a franchise for the laying and maintaining of gas mains in
certain streets adjacent to the City of Richmond. This Ordinance,
however, provided that the construction work under the franchise
must be completed within three years from the granting of the same
and since the three year period has expired the Company feels that
further extension of its mains is not properly covered. Partly to

insure it the right to construct the usual routine additions to its gas distribution system in the unincorporated territory adjacent to the City of Richmond and partly to cover the construction of a high pressure main for the purpose of supplying gas at wholesale to the Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company, the Pacific Company has secured from the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County the franchise granted by Ordinance No. 186. This franchise permits the installation and maintenance of gas mains in the public highways of Supervisor District No. 1 of Contra Costa County for a term of fifty years and carries the usual provisions for a tax of two (2) per cent upon gross revenue, effective five years from the date of grant. The applicant has stipulated that it will never claim for this franchise a value exceeding its cost which was testified to be \$100.00.

Although a public hearing was held after due advertisement, no one appeared to oppose the exercise of the franchise by the company. Operation will not be in competition with any other utility and will extend to the people of the territory adjacent to the City of Richmond a service and a domestic convenience which they would otherwise be without.

I submit the following form of Order:

O R D E R

Pacific Gas and Electric Company having applied to the Railroad Commission for an order certifying that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise of the rights, privileges and franchise granted by Ordinance No. 186, passed August 2, 1926, by the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, a public hearing having been held and applicant having stipulated

in form satisfactory to the Railroad Commission that it will never claim for said franchise a value in excess of the cost thereof;

The Railroad Commission hereby certifies and declares that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise of the rights, privileges and franchise granted by Ordinance No. 186 of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County.

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 15th day of November, 1926.

H. B. Sandigg
C. Seavey
Frank J. ...
Leon Whitell
Thos. S. ...
Commissioners.