

Decision No. 17891.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application  
of J.F.PARTINGTON, an individual,  
for an order of the Railroad Com-  
mission of the State of California,  
authorizing applicant to increase  
his rates and charges for electrical  
energy furnished and supplied to his  
consumers in the Town of Groveland.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 13208.

J. H. Partington in propria persona.  
J. C. De Ferrari for the consumers.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application, J. F. Partington, engaged in supplying electric service to the Town of Groveland in Tuolumne County, asks the Commission to make its order increasing rates for electric service supplied to his consumers.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Williams at Groveland on December 21, 1926, at which time testimony was introduced and the matter submitted.

It appears that applicant supplies about thirty-five (35) consumers with lighting and power service under schedules which have been in effect since 1917. All energy is purchased from Pacific Gas and Electric Company and is distributed over applicant's own lines.

It further appears that the cessation of large hydro-electric construction work in this vicinity with the consequent depopulation of the Town of Groveland has resulted in a decrease

of approximately fifty (50) percent in applicant's gross revenue. Operating expenses have also decreased though not in proportion to the drop in gross revenue, and to some degree at the sacrifice of maintenance which would normally be cared for.

Applicant does not expect to obtain any appreciable return upon his investment and expresses a willingness to continue to render service if rates slightly in excess of those now applying are granted. No detailed estimate of the value of his properties has been made herein. They consist of approximately four miles of single and three-phase transmission and distribution lines on native cedar poles and twenty-seven and one-half kilowatts of installed transformer capacity, together with ninety-five meters and accompanying services. The system has been in operation since 1906 but was practically rebuilt during the years 1923 and 1924 to comply with the requirements of the State Law and of the Commission's General Order No. 64. Applicant testified that to the best of his knowledge and belief the existing facilities have cost him approximately eight thousand dollars, (\$8,000.00).

An estimate of operating revenue and expense for 1926 is given below,-

Revenue.....		\$1,950.00
Expenses		
Purchased energy.....	\$1,110.00	
Distribution & Collection..	300.00	
Taxes.....	<u>286.00</u>	
		<u>\$1,696.00</u>
		\$254.00

The above estimate makes no allowance for depreciation nor for any salary or expense in connection with management.

It is, therefore, clearly evident that present rates are not yielding a fair return and it is admittedly impossible

to increase rates to such an extent that a fair return on investment would be received.

Applicant is entitled to partial relief and increased rates will, therefore, be granted. It is anticipated that the rates set forth in the order herein will produce a gross revenue of two thousand fifty dollars (\$2,050.00), which will pay operating expenses and possibly a very limited return upon his investment.

### O R D E R

J. F. Partington, having applied to the Railroad Commission for authority to increase rates for electric service, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and now being ready for decision,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby finds as a fact that the rates now charged by J. F. Partington for electric service are not compensatory and are not, under present conditions, just and reasonable and further finds that the rates herein established are just and reasonable.

Basing its Order upon the foregoing findings of fact and on the other findings of fact contained in the Opinion preceding this Order:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that J. F. Partington be and he is hereby authorized to charge and collect for electric service, effective for all meter readings taken on and after the 15th day of February, 1927, those rates set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that within ten (10) days after the date of this order, applicant shall file with this Commission the schedules herein established.

For all other purposes the effective date of this

order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of February, 1927.

Ernest

H. B. Brundage

C. S. ...

Thos. D. ...

Commissioners.

EXHIBIT "A"

SCHEDULE L-1

GENERAL LIGHTING SERVICE:

Applicable to general domestic and commercial lighting service including household appliances and single phase motors of not to exceed 5 horse-power capacity.

TERRITORY:

Applicable to entire territory served.

RATE:

First 30 K.W.H. per meter per month 10¢ per K.W.H.  
All over 30 K.W.H. per meter per month 6¢ per K.W.H.

Minimum Charge

\$1.25 per meter per month.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

Single phase motors of a capacity of 5 horse-power or less may receive service under or may be combined with general lighting service under this schedule of rates at the option of the consumer, provided that, in case of combination service, the total energy is supplied through one meter.

The minimum charge applicable to this combination service is only that minimum charge set forth above.

SCHEDULE C-1

GENERAL HEATING AND COOKING SERVICE:

Applicable to all domestic and commercial heating and cooking service.

TERRITORY:

Applicable to entire territory served.

RATE:

First 150 K.W.H. per meter per month 5¢ per K.W.H.  
All over 150 K.W.H. per meter per month 3¢ per K.W.H.

Minimum Charge

First 7 K.W. or less of heating and cooking capacity  
\$3.00 per month.

All over 7 K.W. of heating and cooking capacity  
\$.50 per K.W. per month.

EXHIBIT "A"

SCHEDULE C-1 (Cont'd)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

(a) Service under this schedule will be supplied only where applicant permanently installs cooking and heating appliances (other than lamp socket devices) of at least 2 K.W. capacity.

(b) 110/220 volt three wire service will normally be supplied.

(c) Minimum charges will be based on the total load which may be connected at any one time.

(d) Connected load will be taken as the name plate rating of the installed cooking and heating appliances computed to the nearest one-tenth of a kilowatt.

(e) Single phase motors may be combined with heating and cooking service under this schedule in which case each horsepower of motor load will be considered as one kilowatt in determining the minimum charge.

SCHEDULE C-2

DOMESTIC COMBINATION SCHEDULE:

Applicable to combined domestic lighting, heating and cooking service.

TERRITORY:

Applicable to entire territory served.

RATE:

First	30 K.W.H. per meter per month	10¢ per K.W.H.
Next	150 K.W.H. " " " "	5¢ per K.W.H.
All over	180 K.W.H. " " " "	3¢ per K.W.H.

Minimum Charge

First 7 K.W. or less of heating and cooking capacity  
\$3.00 per month.

All over 7 K.W. of heating and cooking capacity  
\$.50 per K.W. per month.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

(a) Service under this schedule will be supplied only where applicant permanently installs cooking and heating appliances (other than lamp socket devices) of at least 2 K.W. capacity.

(b) 110/220 volt three wire service will normally be supplied.

(c) Minimum charges will be based on the total load which may be connected at any one time.

EXHIBIT "A"

SCHEDULE C-2(Cont'd)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: (Cont'd)

(d) Connected load will be taken as the name plate rating of the installed cooking and heating appliances computed to the nearest one-tenth of a kilowatt.

(e) Single phase motors may be combined with heating and cooking service under this schedule in which case each horse-power of motor load will be considered as one kilowatt in determining the minimum charge.

SCHEDULE P-1

GENERAL POWER SERVICE:

Applicable to general power service.

TERRITORY:

Applicable to entire territory served.

RATE:

First 50 K.W.H. per H.P. per month 5¢ per K.W.H.  
All over 50 K.W.H. per H.P. per month 2¢ per K.W.H.

Minimum Charge

\$1.00 per horse-power of connected load per month but not less than \$2.00 per month.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

(a) Voltage: Service under this schedule will be rendered at standard voltages.

(b) Rectifiers, battery chargers and moving picture projectoscopes may obtain service under this schedule. For the purpose of determining rates and minimum charges each kilowatt of such appliances will be taken as one horse-power of connected load.