

Decision No. 18793

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, a
corporation, to withdraw and cancel
electric rate schedules applicable
to service in territory formerly
supplied by Bell Electric Company and
designated as Schedules L-8, L-9,
L-10, C-5 and P-12, etc.

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C. P. Cutten, by R.W. Du Val, for Applicant.
A. Winders in propria persona, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION -

O P I N I O N

Pacific Gas and Electric Company by its application herein requests authority of the Railroad Commission to withdraw and cancel rate schedules applicable to electric service in territory formerly supplied by Bell Electric Company, and to make effective in lieu thereof the filed schedules of Pacific Gas and Electric Company generally applicable to electric service in Placer County.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Handford on August 9, 1927, in the City of Auburn, at which time testimony was introduced and the matter duly submitted for decision. At the hearing the application was amended to include authority for placing in effect rules and regulations generally applying throughout territory served by Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

It appears from the testimony that the proposed change in rates in this territory will generally result in a decrease, although in certain individual cases the proposed rates will result in higher charges than under the rates now existing under the Bell schedules. It also appears that Bell Electric Company has in the past encouraged the installation of three-phase motors of less than five horse power, which is contrary to the practice of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Should Pacific Gas and Electric Company apply its rates and rules governing this

type of service certain consumers would suffer an unduly increased rate. Applicant agrees that in billing such consumers the minimum charges for present installations of less than five horse power will be billed in accordance with name plate ratings except that three-phase service will, in any event, take a minimum of not less than \$2.00 per month.

Although applicant, upon instructions from the Commission, notified all consumers of the hearing there was but one appearance in protest, such protestant using the lighting schedule at the minimum rate and whose service in future, under the revised minimum rate, would be subject to a slightly increased charge.

It is desirable that electric rate schedules of Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall apply, insofar as is practicable, uniformly over that system. The further continuation of existing rates in Auburn and adjacent territory is in effect a discrimination against the majority of consumers involved.

From the record herein we are of the opinion that this application is in the public interest, and that same should be granted.

O R D E R

Pacific Gas and Electric Company having applied to the Railroad Commission for permission to withdraw and cancel electric rate schedules applicable to service in territory formerly supplied by Bell Electric Company, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and being now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company be and it hereby is authorized to withdraw and cancel, effective September 16, 1927, its present electric rate schedules applicable to service in the territory formerly supplied by Bell Electric Company, i.e., Schedules L-8, L-9, L-10, C-5 and P-12.

2. Pacific Gas and Electric Company be and it hereby is authorized to charge and collect in the territory formerly supplied by Bell Electric Company those schedules of rates

generally applicable to electric service in Placer County, same to be effective for all meter readings taken on and after September 16, 1927.

3. Pacific Gas and Electric Company be and it hereby is authorized to make applicable in territory formerly supplied by Bell Electric Company, rules and regulations generally applying over its system except that deviation relative to three-phase service will be made for certain present consumers as indicated in the opinion preceding this order.

4. 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 14th day of September, 1927.

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Commissioners.