Decision No. 18457

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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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.382 of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Joaquin.

Application No.14032

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C. P. Cutten and R.W.Du Val, by R.W.Du Val, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION -

<u>OPINION</u>

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order dealaring that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by it of the rights and privileges of franchise granted by the County of San Joaquin, and the construction of a certain gas transmission and distribution system in San Joaquin County.

A public hearing was conducted by Examiner Handford at San Francisco on October 13, 1927, at which time testimony was received and the matter duly submitted for decision. No one appeared to oppose the granting of the application.

It appears that Pacific Gas and Electric Company has gas production and distribution facilities in the City of Lodi, and that Western States Gas & Electric Company has similar but more extensive facilities in the City of Stockton.

Witness for applicant testified that applicant proposes to build a six inch high pressure gas transmission main between Lodi and Stockton at an estimated cost of Eighty-nine Thousand Three' Hundred Ninety-one (\$39,391.00) Dollars, and to install the necessary distribution facilities to serve ninety-six (96) prospective consumers along and adjacent to said transmission main. This proposed transmission main will not only serve these prospective consumers but will make available for service within the City of Lodi an additional supply of gas which can be purchased from the Western States Gas & Electric Company at Stockton more economically than it can be manu factured by the applicant at Lodi.

Witness for applicant further testified that the company proposes to ultimately abandon the gas generating equipment located at Lodi and to then purchase all gas from the Western States Gas and Electric Company in view of economies which can be effected and which will react to the benefit of all consumers.

It is in connection with the above program and extensions which may later become necessary within San Joaquin County that a franchise has been secured.

Ordinance No.382, as adopted July 18, 1927, by the Board of Supervisors of San Joaquin County, grants applicant a franchise to install and maintain gas facilities within San Joaquin County. This franchise, a copy of which is attached to the application, is for a term of fifty (50) years and carries the usual provision for a tax of two (2) percent upon the gross revenue, such tax becoming effective five (5) years from the date of grant.

No gas utility other than applicant and Western States Gas & Electric Company is serving gas within San Joaquin County and the only service now contemplated by another utility within that county is that of the Tracy Gas Company at Tracy.

Applicant has filed with this Commission a resolution of its Board of Directors to the effect that applicant, its successors or assigns, will never claim before the Railroad Commission, or any court or public body, any value for the above mentioned franchise in excess of the actual cost thereof, which cost is stated to be One-hundred (\$100) Dollars.

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## ORDER

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a corporation, having applied to the Railroad Commission of the State of California for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise of rights and privileges heretofore granted to it by the County of San Joaquin under Ordinance No.382, and the construction of a certain gas transmission and distribution system, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and being now ready for decision.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a corporation, of the rights and privileges as contained in the franchise granted by Ordinance No.382 of the Board of Supervisors of San Joaquin County, and the construction of a gas transmission and distribution system between Stockton and Lodi, provided that the Railroad Commission hereby reserves the right by appropriate proceedings and subsequent orders to revoke or limit the authority herein granted as regards territory not then served by Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

The effective date of this order is hereby fixed as twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25 day of

actober ,1927.

COMMISSIONERS.

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