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Decision No. 20449.

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 Rail-
 road Commission of the State of Cali-
 fornia authorizing applicant to with-
 draw and cancel electric rates, sched-
 ules and rules of MIDDLE YUBA HYDRO-
 ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, a corporation,
 and to place in effect applicant's filed
 schedules of electric rates, charges,
 rules and regulations.

Application No. 15073.

C. P. Cutten, R. W. DuVal by
 R. W. DuVal, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Pacific Gas and Electric Company asks the Railroad Commission for authority to withdraw and cancel filed electric rates, rules and regulations now in effect in the recently acquired territory of former Middle Yuba Hydro-Electric Power Company, and in lieu thereof to make effective applicant's rates, rules and regulations now in effect in its Drum Division.

A hearing in this matter was held in San Francisco before Examiner Gannon on October 25, 1928. No one appeared at the hearing to protest the application. Witness for applicant testified that the application of its regular rates in this territory will result in a general reduction of approximately \$5,000. per annum to the consumers affected. Witness further testified that some slight increases in the bills of a limited number of consumers will result and that a possible increase in the cost of

street lighting may occur due to the absence of any established rate for this type of service in the former company's schedules and the use of special rates as a substitute therefor.

The rates which applicant now asks to withdraw are the rates of the predecessor company, refiled by applicant under appropriate designations as a portion of its own regular schedules immediately after acquiring the properties and business of that company on or about February 1, 1926. Owing to certain provisions of the power rates of the predecessor company, whereby the consumer is required to own the transformers necessary for the delivery of energy at a usable secondary voltage, that company's rules and regulations as applying to such service were necessarily at variance with those of applicant, and for that reason applicant has not attempted to refile them as its own, but has continued to abide by them as filed by the predecessor company. These rules and regulations will no longer be necessary and applicant therefore proposes to make its own effective in lieu thereof. Witness for applicant further testified that negotiations were already under way for the purchase of the privately-owned transformers of such consumers as would be affected by the change of rates.

The Commission has considered the effect of the application of applicant's regular rates to this territory and since their use will result in an immediate substantial saving to all classes of consumers as a whole, we are of the opinion that this application should be granted.

O R D E R

Pacific Gas and Electric Company having applied to the Railroad Commission for authority to withdraw and cancel filed

electric rates, rules and regulations now in effect in the territory formerly served by Middle Yuba Hydro-Electric Power Company, and for authority to substitute therefor the rates, rules and regulations now in effect in its Drum Division, a public hearing having been held thereon and the Railroad Commission being of the opinion that such authority should be granted, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the authority herein requested be and the same is hereby granted, such authority to become effective upon the date hereof.

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 13th day of November, 1928.

Chas. E. ...

Edward ...

John B. ...

W. J. ...

 Commissioners.