

Decision No. 20983.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of
C. J. YORK, doing business under the
name of DOWNIEVILLE ELECTRIC LIGHT
COMPANY, and PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
COMPANY, a corporation, for an order
of the Railroad Commission of the State
of California authorizing the former
to sell and convey and the latter to
purchase and acquire the properties
referred to in this petition.

Application No. 15,506.

C. J. York in propria persona,

C. P. Cutten and R. A. DuVal, by
R. A. DuVal, for Pacific Gas
and Electric Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application C. J. York, doing business under the name of Downieville Electric Light Company, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company ask the Commission to make its order authorizing the former to sell and the latter to purchase certain electric generating and distributing facilities located at Downieville, Sierra County, in accordance with an agreement entered into by and between applicants under date of March 7, 1929, and for an order authorizing C. J. York to discontinue electric service in the territory which he now supplies. A copy of the agreement is attached to the application and marked Exhibit "A."

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Satterwhite in San Francisco on April 6, 1929, at which time evidence was received and the matter submitted. No one appeared to oppose the proposed transfer.

The system herein involved is a small hydro-electric plant together with the necessary electric distributing facilities to supply about ninety-five consumers at Downieville. Pacific Gas and Electric Company has extensive facilities in Sierra and adjacent counties and is in a position to serve the area involved and to take care of future growth of this area in a more satisfactory manner than can the present owner. The Commission is, in general, aware of the conditions of service now existing and of what can be expected if the transfer is approved and it is felt that favorable action upon this application will be in the public interest.

Testimony indicates that the historical cost of the properties to be transferred is Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-eight and Sixty one-hundredths (16,968.60) Dollars as of December 31, 1928, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company agrees to pay Seven Thousand Five Hundred (7,500) Dollars for them. It should be understood that nothing herein said or contained shall be considered as binding upon the Commission in the future to recognize said purchase price as a basis for fixing rates or any other purpose whatsoever.

O R D E R

Application having been made to the Railroad Commission of the State of California for an order authorizing the transfer of the electric properties referred to in the foregoing opinion and for an order authorizing C. J. York to discontinue electric

service in the territory which he now supplies, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and now being ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED,

(1) That C. J. York be and he is hereby authorized to sell and transfer to Pacific Gas and Electric Company the properties to which reference is made in the foregoing opinion and more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached to the application in the proceeding.

(2) That within thirty (30) days after the transfer of the property the purchaser shall file with this Commission a certified copy of the deed or other instrument under which it acquires and holds title to said properties, and that within ninety (90) days after date hereof there shall be filed with the Commission for approval the book entries by which the purchaser proposes to record the transaction.

(3) That C. J. York be and he is hereby authorized to cease generating and supplying electric energy in the territory which he now supplies, this authority to become effective upon the day upon which he transfers these properties to Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

(4) That the authority herein granted to transfer properties shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of April, 1929.

David L. Smith
Chairman
Examiners
Leon Whiteley
Commissioners.